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## In A Highly Critical Mood

### "Summer Time"

April 18 has been fixed, provisionally, for the beginning of Summer Time in Hong Kong, the "China Mail" learned last night.

The date being a Sunday, all clocks will be put forward one hour during the early hours of the morning.

#### Shanghai

Whether the City Government is superstitious or not, it postponed at the very last minute the institution of daylight saving time on April 18.

The Government had announced daylight saving time would begin on April 1. It even had inserted advertisements in papers instructing people: "Don't call us up. Just set your clocks ahead one hour."

Now the new time will not go into effect until May 1. — Associated Press.

## New Cable, Wireless Building

Official sanction to erect a new modern building has been received by the local office of Cable and Wireless, Ltd. from London, the "China Mail" learned last night.

The new building, nine-stories high and air-conditioned, will replace the company's present "Electra House" on Connaught Road Central which is to be pulled down shortly.

Tenants, occupying "Electra House" on monthly leases have been given notice to quit by April 15. Among the tenants is the Hong Kong Police Reserve Organisation which is to move to the ground floor of Oriental Building.

The new building, when completed, will accommodate all the equipment of Cable and Wireless and the company's administrative offices. In addition, there will be some offices to be let to the general public.

A flat for the Manager, Mr. F. S. Cooke, will be on the ninth floor of the building.

## Vice-Presidential Candidates

Nanking, Mar. 30.

With the National Assembly now successfully launched the Vice-Presidential candidates are warmly up in their campaigning for the elections to be held on April 12th.

General Li Tsung-jen, opening the campaign in the capital yesterday afternoon, said two points prompted him to run for this high office: an earnest desire to promote popular interest in politics and the democracy of China and his belief that he can assist the President in effecting political reforms.

"I come from a poor peasant family and when I was young I was a farmer. Therefore, I am familiar with hard living conditions."

After that Li said he followed a simple life as a school master.

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## Ten Still On Semi-Hunger Strike

Nanking, Mar. 31.

Loud shouting delegates who at times brought disorder to the National Assembly auditorium today delayed the election of the President by rejecting the Government-sponsored Organic Law and returning it to the Legislative Yuan for revision.

Officials said that in a special session the legislators would eliminate the objection and return it to the Assembly tomorrow in order to avoid any delays in completing formal organization.

Opponents of the law insisted the President should have more than 25 members, which is the maximum set by the Legislative Yuan, since the new Constitutional Assembly expanded.

Delegates were in a highly critical mood and objected to almost everything—including the modern electric system by which votes are counted.

Awaiting settlement was the dispute between the Kuomintang and the "Independents" and the arrival of a quorum. Today's registration was 1,067—only 64 members short of the number required for the Presidential and Vice-Presidential elections.

Kuomintang and Government leaders whittled away at the unity of the Independent group whose supporters dropped from more than 200 to approximately 50—including ten members who were on semi-hunger strike. These ten are eating fruit but refuse to eat the regular diet until the Government meets their demands for Assembly membership.

Several attempts were made to bring their cases to the Assembly floor and a resolution was finally adopted to send a "consolation mission" to confer with the strikers.

A Kuomintang official said the minority parties who actually elected only about 120 delegates in the national elections were given a total of 430 seats. Most of the places in the Assembly were provided by the Government's order that the Kuomintang and the Independents in certain election districts surrender their seats to the majority regardless of the vote count.

The Vice-Presidential race continued to hold the centre of attention with various candidates jockeying for the support of the provincial delegations.

State Councilman Mo Te-hung, former Lieutenant of Yang, announced he was seeking elec-

## Seals Go On Strike

Stoke-on-Trent, Mar. 30. George Clarke, circus manager, complained today that his two performing seals were on strike because of the sudden herring shortage.

"They simply won't perform unless we feed them herring," said Clarke. "They won't eat anything else." — United Press.

## Australian Found Hanging

Mr. W.E. Bentley, stated to be an Australian, aged about 50 years, was discovered by a couple of the Peninsula Hotel about 6 a.m. yesterday hanging from the fire-escape. Life was found to be extinct.

The deceased had been living in the Peninsula Hotel since July last year and was occupying Room 548 before his death.

He was last seen alive shortly after midnight by one of the lift-boys.

## AMERICAN NATIONS TO INVESTIGATE REDS

Bogota, Mar. 30.

Unanimous support of the Pan-American Conference, which opened here today, for a proposal that the American nations investigate the "problem of foreign-inspired subversive activities directed against the institutions, peace and security of the American Republics" was obtained by Mr. George Marshall, the American Secretary of State.

The 9th International Conference of American States opened today with Columbia calling on the other 20 nations to dedicate themselves to "maintaining peace, and keeping the forces opposed to the principles of democracy, and the inspiration of Christianity, from prevailing in the world."

The key address was given by the Colombian President, Senator Mariano Ospina Perez, at the formal opening ceremony.

The nearest he got to mentioning the colonial territories question was to say:

### More Czechs Escape

Munich, Mar. 30. About 1,500 Czechoslovak refugees have fled into Bavaria since the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia, the Bavarian State Ministry for Refugees announced today.

Between 40 and 50 refugees were still crossing each day, despite a "security sector" reported to have been established on the Czech side of the border, the Ministry added. — Reuter.

tion involving claims on European-held colonies, was his support for the "building of an inter-American peace system in such a way that the pacific settlement of any dispute among the American nations will be judicially and practically inevitable."

Senator Perez added: "Not only can we forget in working out that system, the very eloquent fact that 17 of the 21 countries of America have accepted the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice."

This was taken as a reference to the fact that Argentina, Chile and Guatemala have refused to have their claims on British territories submitted to the International Court for arbitration.

This first full-dress inter-American Conference in 10 years is expected to last at least six weeks.

Official statements at the opening of the Conference reveals the opinion of the 21 nations on the colonial question.

"Against the European possession of colonies are Argentina, Guatemala, Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Chile, Paraguay and Peru."

In favour of European possession are the United States, Brazil, Colombia, Uruguay, Cuba and Nicaragua.

### PICTURE OF THE DAY

## Figure Of Spring



Because it is feared that the morals of children may be corrupted, this statue in a Sydney park may be destroyed. Its fate is under discussion.

## EXPEDITION ENDS IN THIRTY SECONDS REYNOLDS PLANE CRACKS UP

Peiping, Mar. 31.

Pen-maker Milton Reynolds' US\$250,000 expedition to find a mountain higher than Mount Everest ended in failure less than 30 seconds after it started. His four-motored plane, "The Explorer", cracked up. No one was injured. The C-87, equipped with scientific apparatus designed to measure heights of mountains, had moved 25 yards from the brick-surfaced ground toward Peiping's South Field runway when its right wheel, sank into the soft earth. The wheellock gave way. The plane tilted to the right and the outer starboard propeller buried the tip of one of its three blades into the ground. The nosewheel blew out and the plane rested on its belly.

## Czechoslovakia And UNO

Prague, Mar. 30.

The Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry announced today that the United Nations Security Council to discuss the Chilean complaint against Czechoslovakia if summoned to do so. Czechoslovakia refused to be placed in a position of a defendant, the statement said. — Reuter.

## Berlin's Uncertain Future

London, Mar. 30.

The uncertainty over the future of the four-power administration of Berlin is expected by well-informed quarters here to be prolonged until the next meeting of the Control Council due on April 10.

General Lucius Clay, the United States Military Governor in Germany, with whom the initiative lies for summoning that meeting, is definitely expected here to decide to convene it in the hope of bringing the situation to a head.

But the Soviet authorities may still intend to keep the Western powers guessing by refusing to attend the meeting and yet continuing to refrain from stating they will never again take part in the four-power administration of Germany.

The view is now growing here that the Soviet authorities only intend four-power cooperation to be resumed on condition that the reorganisation of the Western Zones, worked out at the recent London conference, be accepted.

But the official Western policy for Germany now rules out any reversal of the plans for reorganising the Western occupation unless at the very least accompanied by a Soviet willingness to permit economic unity as laid down in the Potsdam Agreement.

Consequently, the possibility of a full meeting of the Control Council on April 10 is not at present considered very great. — Reuter.

## French Arms For Lebanon

Paris, Mar. 30.

The French Government has authorised the sale of armaments by a Paris firm to the Lebanese Government, a spokesman of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs said this afternoon, when asked to comment on reports circulating in Paris that the Lebanon was buying \$20,000,000 worth of arms, including tanks, on behalf of the Arab League for use in Palestine.

The Foreign Office spokesman said the transaction was a normal one in fulfilment of the Franco-Lebanese agreement signed a year ago.

France has always supplied the Lebanese Army with its equipment and there was nothing unusual in the present sale, he said. — Reuter.

The red battle with the navy, army and police force for several hours before they turned tail and scattered in different directions leaving some dead behind.

ing in January directly precipitated the rioting at the Social Affairs Bureau. — Reuter.

Reuter.

## Ocean Mail Cargo Fire

Dutch Harbour, Mar. 31. The crew transferred to the 6,470-ton motor ship "Ocean Mail" today so the fire-fighters could extinguish a two-day-old fire on board the ship. The fire was controlled by the ship's fire-fighters but could not be extinguished until it was moved. The vessel reported a fire broke out Monday in the ship's cargo of 981 tons of wheat. — United Press.

## Cripps To Present Paradox

London, Mar. 30.

Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, next Tuesday will have the paradoxical duty of announcing an all-time record budget surplus to a country striving to avert economic disaster.

With a domestic credit balance of probably £800 million, Sir Stafford, as head of the Cabinet team of economic experts, is trying hard to close the gap between the country's import and export trade.

Even if, by the target date of midsummer, he succeeds, British trade, though stagnant in an overall world sense, will show the colossal deficit of between £250 and £300 million.

The production targets for the end of this year, if achieved, will reduce the dollar deficit considerably.

But the economic disquiet between the United States and the great part of the world contained in the sterling area will continue to be a brake on Britain's uphill fight toward prosperity.

Sir Stafford Cripps, casting round for new sources of hard currency, next week will have few reliefs to offer to the British taxpayer, if indeed, he does not call for a further belt-tightening all round. — Reuter.

## MOLOTOV'S COCKTAILS?

Moscow, Mar. 30.

M. Molotov gave a reception tonight for the Finnish Delegation which is here to negotiate a pact of mutual assistance and friendship with Russia. Sir Maurice Peterson, British Ambassador, and his wife, and the United States Ambassador were among the 200 guests.

The Finnish delegation today visited the Kremlin where they spent several hours on a conducted tour. — Reuter.

## KAI TAK'S LIFE LIMITED TO ANOTHER 4 YEARS

Kai Tak airport's life is limited to another four years and the main runway for the colony's new airport, plans of which are awaiting approval in London, should be completed in two years.

This opinion was expressed yesterday by Mr. A. J. R. Moss, Director of Air Services.

Mr. Moss said plans of two or three schemes had been sent to the Colonial Office and he believed approval of one would be received soon.

Details of this are still confidential.

The new airport, said Mr. Moss, will be Class A according to international standards, capable of handling the biggest aircraft existing and also those of the foreseeable future.

The biggest aircraft now landing at Kai Tak within safety limits are DC4 Skyliners.

Constellation aircraft not fully loaded could land there with difficulty.

Biggest In East. Aircraft bigger than Skyliners now flying Hong Kong. A valuable source of revenue is thus lost to the colony, Mr. Moss said.

The Government would like to retain Kai Tak for use by small aircraft after the opening of the new airport, but the area is being developed to the Town Planning Board's schemes. — Reuter.

## The Weather

A moderate anticyclone centred over Japan is moving slowly to the west. It will pressure centre from 15°N into China and SW to the South China Sea. Today's Forecast: Moderate ENE winds. Fair.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 76.5 deg. F. Minimum: 62.0 deg. F. Sunshine: 9.7 hours.

Rainfall: NIL. Total since Jan. 1: 46.1 mm. (1.81 in.). No. of days with rain: 12. Average of 112.4 mm. (4.42 in.).

Bar. at m.s.l.: 1002.4 mm. (29.7 in.).

Wind: Direction: 110-120. Force: 1-2. Gusts: 11-12. Rain: 0.0 mm. (0.0 in.).



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## Raw Opium Seized In ss. "Tsinan"

Eighty tuels of raw opium, concealed in the false bottoms of a carpenter's kit-box, eastern jars and a rubber basket, were seized during a routine search by Revenue Officers at the Customs Wharf last Friday morning when the ss. "Tsinan" arrived from Swatow.

Four arrests were made, including a 40-year-old married woman. At Central Magistracy yesterday, Chun Ming-wei, 18; Lau Yik-ching, 37; Lam Ming-shing, 32; and Young Yan, 49, female, charged with possession of the drug, were each sentenced to six months hard labour and recommended for imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida. The opium was confiscated.

Chun had 15 tuels hidden in a false bottom of two eastern jars in two packets. Lau had 14 tuels in two jars. Young had three packets concealed inside a false bottom of a rubber basket. Lam had 3 tuels inside a false bottom of a carpenter's kit-box.

## \$98 Million Confiscated

Another CN\$98,000,000 was ordered by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to be confiscated.

The owner of all this wealth was 27-year-old Wong Chi-chung who arrived at Kowloon at 1.15 p.m. on Mar. 30 by train from Canton. He did not know, he said, that he was not allowed to carry any money.

Inspector J. Orem said that the amount, which was worth about HK\$1,000,000, was found by CIO 75 during a routine search of accused's luggage.

## Factory Owner Fined

For failing to securely fence the dangerous parts of one abrasive wheel and the gear wheels of two lathes, and for running an unlicensed factory, the proprietor of the Nam Fat Machinery Workshop, 28 Nan Ching Street, ground floor, was fined \$150 by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Two weeks after having been warned, the proprietor of the Yu Shing Garment Co., 692 Shanghai Street, ground floor, was found to have in his employ 20 women at 9.50 p.m. on March 3.

Summoned before Mr. Latimer yesterday, defendant was fined \$250.

Mr. V. C. Bond, of the Labour Office, prosecuted in both cases.

## Brazilian Charged

Victor E. Neves, (24) unemployed Brazilian born in Hong Kong, appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with the attempted larceny of a Government utility vehicle at Prince Edward Road at 12.30 a.m. yesterday.

On the application of Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth, accused was remanded to tomorrow for further inquiries.

## Reminders

### Today

Y's Men's Club Luncheon, H. K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.  
Crown Land Sale, P.W.D. Office, 2 p.m.  
Inaugural meeting of Angling Club, SCM Post Board room, 3.15 p.m.  
Discussion on revival of H.K. Civil Service Cricket Club, P.W.D. Accountant's Office, 5.15 p.m.  
Inauguration of Hong Kong-Macao Radio-telephone Service, Legislative Council meeting (Budget Debate), 2.30 p.m.

### Coming Events

TOMORROW  
H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.  
Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, talk on "Modern Application of Radar," Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
SATURDAY  
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jacobson Room, 13 noon.

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## PRIVY COUNCIL APPEAL MOTION REFUSED

The Motion for leave to appeal to His Majesty the King in Council from a decision of the Full Court on Mar. 11, refusing a stay of execution of a judgment dated Mar. 1, by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), in respect of 657, 659 and 661 Nathan Road, was refused with costs yesterday by the Full Court.

The Full Court comprised Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge) and Mr. Justice J. Reynolds (Appeal Judge).

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. Zimmern, appeared for Messrs. Henry G. Leong Estates Limited, respondents.

The appellants, Luk Shun-wo, The Ho Fong Studio and Ku Yuen-mei, were represented by Mr. H. C. Sheldon, K.C., and Mr. Charles Loseby, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

The premises in dispute are owned by the respondents, who intend to demolish the existing structures and develop the site by erecting a structure for use as a branch of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and other business premises.

The appellants were given notice to quit, but refused to comply with such notice, and action for possession was taken by the respondents. On Mar. 1, judgment was given in their favour with a stay of execution for 14 days.

Appellants subsequently applied to the Court of Appeal for a further stay of execution but the application was refused, leading to appeal to His Majesty the King in Council.

### Rules For Appeal

"By rule 21(a) of the Rules for Appeals to the Privy Council, an appeal 'as of right' lies under certain conditions, by rule 2(b) an appeal 'as of grace' lies if the Court when other conditions are fulfilled. Rule 2 reads:

"2. Subject to the provisions of these Rules, an appeal shall lie—  
(a) as of right, from any final judgment of the Court, where the matter in dispute on the appeal amounts to or is of the value of \$5,000 or upwards, and where the appeal involves, directly or indirectly, any claim or question to or respecting property or some civil right amounting to or of the value of \$5,000 or upwards;  
(b) at the discretion of the Court, from any other judgment of the Court, whether final or interlocutory, if, in the opinion of the Court, the question involved in the appeal is one which, by reason of its great general or public importance, or otherwise, ought to be submitted to His Majesty in Council."

"On the basis of the decision in this case, the order of the Full Court refusing a stay of execution did not decide or determine in any way the status of the parties. Three alternative tests for ascertaining the finality of a judgment or order are set out in the notes to paragraph 108 of Halsbury's Laws of England, which are in favour of the third which reads 'Does the order, as made, determine the dispute?' The order of the Full Court does not decide or determine the right between the parties."

Unnecessary  
"Such being the decision of the Court, it is unnecessary to consider at length whether the matter in dispute is of the value of \$5,000."

"On the basis that the decision appealed from is interlocutory in nature, in this case, where under rule 2(b) the Court should exercise its discretion to grant leave to appeal, the question involved in the appeal is of general or public importance. Sitting aside for the moment the argument of counsel for the respondents that the question at issue is only one whether the discretion as to stay of execution has been exercised rightly or wrongly in the particular case, the Court would be disposed to regard the matter as of very great importance being the question involved in the appeal."

The matter is not one of the power of the Governor in Council in the exercise of discretion under the existing legislation, the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947—that is, undoubted, and any development scheme which has been approved of the Governor in Council, duly acting upon advice, will no doubt receive the necessary exemption—the question involved in the appeal is whether there was power under the Ordinance, now repealed, to make this particular order and whether, by reason of the machinery used to obtain the order, there was some technical defect which rendered the order void."

"Even assuming that the Court were disposed to grant leave to appeal (which it is not) the only order made, which would benefit the appellants in any way would be one, which would be in effect a review of the decision of this Court already given that no special circumstances have been shown to justify a stay of execution."

"The motion is refused with costs. Two other similar motions (Nos. 6 & 8) are accordingly also dismissed."

## Alleged Heroin-Pill "Factory"

"As the premises have every appearance of being a manufacturing factory," said Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth when Chan Kwong (28) appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with possession of "a lump of pink mugs and 5,000 heroin pills" at 257 Portland Street, second floor, on March 30.

SI Howarth said that among the articles seized by Det. Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes during the raid were paraphernalia for the manufacture of heroin pills.

Defendant was remanded to Saturday, without bail.

## Railway Collision

Six passengers were injured, one seriously, on Tuesday when two trains collided on the Canton-Hankow line. It was reported yesterday.

The engines of the trains were badly damaged.

Carriages on the part of a railwayman in watching the lines was alleged to be the cause for the accident. The man has been detained.

Two days previously, four passengers, including a Chinese soldier, were killed on an express on the same line, when a soldier accidentally disconnected the pin from a hand grenade.

## WOMEN "LOITERERS"

Thirteen women appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. A. J. Clifford on a charge of loitering and causing an obstruction in Hennessy and Johnson Roads on March 30.

All defendants with no previous convictions were bound over in a bond of \$25 for twelve months. Wong Su with one conviction was fined \$25 for breach of her bond signed in March this year and another \$25 for loitering.

The two defendants with three and four previous convictions were sentenced to three weeks hard labour and recommended for banishment.

On hearing that they were to go to prison without the option of a fine and be banished after 14 days, defendants declared that they had an old mother and two children, respectively, to support.

Members who have drawn new bells but have not yet returned their old one are hereby ordered to return their old bell to Equipment Office at Headquarters at once.

Members are hereby notified that as from the April 15, 1948 our Headquarters will be moved over to the Ground Floor of the Oriental Building, next door to our present Headquarters.

## U.S. Aid To Turkey

Ankara, Mar. 30.  
American guns, radio equipment, jeeps and other Army vehicles, and a considerable amount of ammunition, comprising the second shipment of American aid to Turkey, were being unloaded today at the Turkish port of Izmir.

The unloading of a shipment of minesweeping devices, radio and radar instruments, steel submarine nets, industrial equipment and ammunition, is expected to start tomorrow.—Reuter.

## Gun Duel Sequel

The shooting duel between a party of plainclothes men, under Det-Inspector J. M. Forrest, and five armed robbers on their way to a robbery at 230 Temple Street (second floor) on the night of March 20, had, at its sequel, the appearance of four of the men charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday with conspiracy to commit an armed robbery and possession of a revolver, four rounds of ammunition, and a dagger.

Lai Kam-pui, 19-year-old unemployed, (who appeared in court with his head bandaged), Chiu Chu (24), Ho Fook-chi (20) and Leung Fai (31), coolies, were, on the application of Det-Inspector Forrest, remanded for three days in custody.

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## Skull Cracked

Li's skull was "cracked wide open" and he died instantaneously. His body was thrown by the force of the impact into a puddle of water nearby.

When the vehicle was examined by the Traffic Office, added TSI Brown, the foot brakes were found to be in very good condition. On the lorry being tested with the same load and on the same road, it was found that the foot brakes took 50 feet to pull up the vehicle, indicating that they were useless with that load.

TSI Brown concluded by asking for the maximum prison sentence without the option of a fine and the suspension of accused's driving licence.

Fung Kwun, 23-year-old widow, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital about 7.30 a.m. yesterday suffering from the effects of acute renal poisoning. She was found unconscious in "Killing Street" by a female relative named Li Euk (37) of 118 Nanhang Street. Her condition last night was stated to be serious.

## Stonecutters Arms Theft Sequel

Hearing of the case in which Li Yau (28) and Li Fuk-chuen (35), unemployed boatmen, were charged with the larceny of 244 boxes (85,796 rounds) of .38 and 480 rounds of .455, revolver ammunition from Stonecutters Island on Feb. 9, was commenced before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Det. Sub-Inspector W. B. Scragg appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. A. S. C. Comber for both defendants who were additionally charged with misprision of a felony by Mo Lo So, Kun Tau and others on Feb. 9.

According to the prosecution, the loss was reported when it was discovered on Feb. 12, after the Chinese New Year Holidays. At midnight on March 8, Det. Chui Ming received information from a certain man and proceeded with him to the doorway of the Lin Heung Teahouse at Canton Road where they met the two accused.

The party went to the Mong Kok Ferry Wharf where they boarded two sampans and rowed towards Tai Kok Tsui. There, the accused told the detective that he wanted was the first in a row. First defendant, it was alleged, further told the detective to pay special attention to a coil of ropes in the bow of the boat.

On boarding the craft, the detective found Chung Ka-so (50) and her son, Kwok Kwan-tai (17) asleep. He aroused them and, in their presence, hauled up a rope which was let into the water from the bow of the boat. There were two boxes of ammunition attached to the other end of the rope. Chung Ka-so and Kwok Kwan-tai, who were charged with receiving the ammunition, were discharged yesterday morning, on the application of DSI Scragg who informed the Court that, after extensive inquiries, the Police had been unable to justify in proceeding with the case against them.

## Readers' Letters

**Disclaimer**  
Sir,—With reference to the Hon. D. F. Landale's speech in the Legislative Council on the delay in the printing of the Estimates by Government Printers and the typographical errors in the schedule to the Bill, we wish to state that neither the Estimates nor the Bill were printed by us. As we are not fully rehabilitated, the printing of many Government publications are being given to outside printers.

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Sir,—I have read with great interest the report of the heated debate in the Legislative Council on Tuesday, with particular reference to the statements made by Dr. the Hon. S. N. Chau, and Hon. Leo d'Almeida, K.C., concerning the printing of the Bill. They both suggested that an inquiry was opportune into this department, thus voicing the opinion of many Hongkong's merchants, who think that such an inquiry is long overdue.

For instance, with respect to the allotments of cotton yarn from Japan, is it not a fact that this was given to a firm who have had no connection or experience in this business and who are not in any way related to the factories, the consumers of cotton yarn? Is it not high time that an inquiry was made as to how this was allotted from Japan and through whom?

I am not the least bit interested in cotton yarn, neither am I in Japanese sea foods. But is it true or not that Japanese sea foods have been placed in the hands of the same organisation? Further, that this organisation has had no experience of sea foods, and that sea food merchants cannot import from Japan through the S.T. & I. at least up to November last year?

Is it true or not that not one of those merchants who before the war were experienced in the Japanese trade can now obtain any of this trade or at least until the present?

I think this will do for today.  
DAILY READER.

## Playground

Sir,—There is a former playground next door to the Peninsula Hotel.

Last August the Military vacated this space. Sometime later some work was done cutting and burning the grass, and one obstruction was put up on one road to prevent cars passing through.

Since then nothing has been done to make this sorely-needed playing space into a decent, safe playing area for children. Bricks and stones are all over the field, but a bare patch has been worn in the centre and is used as a pitiful football field by children and young folks. Cannot the authorities have this space cleaned up, and now while the need is so great, and fenced as soon as possible, after which?

The children living in the hotels and crowded shops houses around about would be safely playing in the open air instead of having to spend their time hanging around in undesirable closed spaces or on the streets.  
A HOTEL RESIDENT.

The mother and son were taken into custody and, as the result of information supplied by them, the two defendants were asked by Det. Chui on March 8 to call at the Water Police Station, where they made certain statements.

Four days later, continued DSI Scragg, he again sent for the two accused and took further statements from them. At the statements of the first and second defendants differed in several respects he read over Li Fuk-chuen's to Li Yau, pointing out the differences.

First accused, alleged DSI Scragg, admitted that his statement was untrue and elected to make a further statement. Two days later, Det-Sgt. So Kwong questioned the first defendant about his statements and he admitted that he went to Stonecutters Island on Feb. 9 to commit the larceny. Second accused, it was alleged, also admitted having gone with the first man on the night before Chinese New Year.

## Dumped

The same afternoon both men were charged, said DSI Scragg, and they agreed to bring the Police to the spot where the ammunition were dumped. They went out on a Police launch and, near Stonecutters Island, the wreck of the boat, following day, divers were sent down and recovered 28 boxes. Evidence of identification of the ammunition exhibited in Court was given by Mr. Hiddell, Foreman in charge of the magazine area of Stonecutters.

Further evidence will be heard this afternoon.

## "Dry-Cleaned"

Sir,—Look at my wardrobe of six garments, three woools and three non-wools, which have passed through the hands of two alleged dry-cleaners. In this collection, and I could weep.

These garments were left to be dry-cleaned, the bill was presented for dry-cleaning, the price charged for dry-cleaning, and the garments were thoroughly steamed and ruled by washing instead. Of course it has been insisted, by the alleged dry-cleaners, that the garments were dry-cleaned. I am afraid I cannot believe them.

From personal experience I know it is impossible to shrink woolen cloth to such a degree, unless extremely hot water and/or too long immersion in strong soapuds is used.

After much discussion amongst my friends I find they have all suffered similar loss due to the careless alleged dry-cleaning of clothing.

Has anyone any suggestion how to remedy this state of affairs?  
G. E. NOBLE

## Urban Council

Two applications for restaurant licences, and one each for eating house, food-shop, refreshment trade and laundry licences were refused by the Urban Council yesterday.

Dr. J. F. Fehli, Chairman of the Council, explained that the Select Committee refused the applications because the premises of the applicants were unsuitable. In some instances, the premises were without flush system and drainage.

The February report of the Council showed that 133 applications for various licences were received and considered and 21 issued, while 401 licences were renewed or issued to hawkers in Hong Kong and 224 in Kowloon.

During the same period, 1,745 cattle, 35,959 swine and 310 sheep and goats were slaughtered.

In January, it was disclosed, 55,480 persons patronised the Council's public bath-houses.

Already acknowledged \$9,023.11  
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## Stiff Gaol Sentences For Robbers

Found guilty by a jury on charge of armed robbery, Yip Yee and Yau Kan alias Yau Shu were each sentenced yesterday by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), to 11 years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

Wong Yiu-wah, alias Wong Tsai, charged together with Yip Yee and Yau Kan, was also found guilty, but on account of his youth was sentenced to only nine years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

Cheng Ping-wei, found guilty on charge relating to a robbery at Peel Street, was sentenced to ten years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

Mr. J. Reynolds Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. E. Cushman, conducted the case for the prosecution.

The robberies in connection with which the accused were charged took place at 14 Tai Ping Street and 12 Peel Street in Dec. last when the inmates of the first floor of both premises were robbed of articles to the value of \$1,344 and \$778 respectively, by a party of armed and masked men.

## OPERA STAR SHOT

Wong Fung-shan, a member of the "Scallow Opera Group" in Macao, was killed by a shot allegedly fired by a member of the Macao Water Police a few days ago, according to the Sing Tao Wan Pao yesterday.

The report said Wong together with several others was on a junk when the police arrived. The party scattered and fled ashore. Shots fired by the police hit Wong who died on the spot.

The incident is being taken up with the Macao authorities by the Chinese Standard Commission (Foreign Affairs) for Macao.

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## Extradition Case Opens Alleged Fraud Of CN\$2,850 Million

The identification of contract documents relating to a "large transaction in American drugs" of Powell and Sons, Co., a firm said to be financed by defendant Hsu Chi-chung, alias Chu Kai-chong, by Mr. Hung Po-fat, once advisor to the company and subsequently its Business Department head, marked the extradition proceedings against the former director-general of the Chinese Government-controlled Postal Remittances and Savings Bank of Shanghai, at Central Magistracy yesterday.

The 44-year-old defendant, formerly director-general of the Postal Remittances and Savings Bank of Shanghai, is represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, K.C. (instructed by Mr. Marcus du Silva), while Mr. A. Lonsdale (Crown Counsel) is conducting the case for the Crown and Mr. Peter Sin for the Chinese Government.

Hsu is facing extradition proceedings and alleged to have defrauded the Chinese National Government of CN\$2,850,000,000.

Mr. Lam Ping-leung, Chinese attorney at law, the first witness to give evidence last Tuesday, had stated that the charges preferred against Hsu in fact constituted offences also under Chinese Law.

Defence counsel reserved his cross-examination of Mr. Lam. Beginning yesterday's proceedings, Mr. Lonsdale put Mr. Hung Po-fat, cousin of Mr. Hung Kwong-hui, who organised at first Powell & Sons, into the box.

Hung said that he knew defendant who was approached by his cousin to finance Powell & Sons, to deal in Allied surplus goods. Witness first joined the company, at the request of his cousin, as an advisor, and subsequently as chief of the Business Department. He was with the firm for two months (June and July, 1946).

One day, he was told by his cousin in the presence of defendant that Hsu had appointed him (the cousin) as managing-director.

"Did Mr. Hsu take any part in the direction of the operations of the business?" Mr. Lonsdale asked.

"I object to that, Your Worship," Defence Counsel interposed. "That is a leading question, don't you think?" Mr. F. X. d'Almada pointed out to Mr. Lonsdale. The answer is obvious, it might get the very one you want."

"It might have been a reverse answer, sir," said Mr. Lonsdale.

"Surely you could say: 'Who took part in the business?' Mr. d'Almada suggested.

At Mr. Lonsdale's request, the objection was recorded by the Magistrate.

Replying to the prosecution's queries, witness said defendant took part in directing the operations of the company.

"My cousin was the managing-director, but defendant was the financier, and my cousin had to consult him on any transaction," Hung told the Court. These consultations took place often at Mr. Hsu's house and sometimes at his cousin's home.

One day, witness related, he was in his cousin's residence when a large transaction was discussed. He heard a little of the conversation. What he heard related to payment of American dollars for American drugs.

**Went Home**  
As a result of the conversation, defendant, the nephew and witness, went to the Postal Remittances and Savings Bank, where witness waited outside the Director-General's office while his nephew, who was working for his cousin, but not for the firm, went inside with defendant. Later his nephew came out and went away alone. Hung said he then left the bank and went home.

Mr. Lonsdale produced a contract document (Exhibit C) which witness said he had not seen before. Asked whether he knew one H. C. Shen, previously identified as advisor to the Bank, Hung said he did not know him. He knew, however, F. Y. Wen, whom he first contacted when he joined Powell & Sons. Wen was sub-manager then.

Another document (Exhibit D) was produced, signed by Wen and Chan Chiu, whom witness said he could not remember. He

## At Scene Of Air Crash

Paris, Mar. 30.  
Two representatives of the Indian Airways Company today visited the scene of the weekend air accident on Carilo mountain, Corsica, in which 16 people lost their lives.

After an inspection, the officials went to the improvised chapel erected on the mountain at a height of some 5,400 feet and tried to identify the bodies of the victims.

M. Maurice Bellonte, the famous French aviator and chief of the accidents section for French commercial aviation, arrived at Bastia today to take part in the official enquiry into the cause of the accident.—Reuter.

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Lam continued that he did not take part in the preparation of the drug contracts, except in printing his crop on the seals of the Transocean Co., and that of his own.

**Fictitious Body**  
Referring to Contract No. 331, that the Transocean Company as the guarantor applied for a loan in the name of a fictitious body and the money, advanced by the Postal Bank, was collected by the drug contracts, over which he (Lam) was in charge.

This company, Lam said, was a subsidiary of the Transocean Co. Transactions were done by staff members of the latter.

At the end of October, 1946, Lam said, the Transocean Co. got a loan from the Ba Chuen Bank and Tsen Ho Bank for the purchase of a ship. It was agreed that the loan would be repaid in two months. Delivery of the ship was very late and the money situation of the Ba Chuen Bank was "very tight." One day he was sent by Mr. Pang, as a result of which a man was sent to the Postal Bank for the documentary loans.

Asked who controlled the Transocean and Ching Tung firms, Lam said that as Pang gave the instructions he supposed the money was made by Ching Tung firm would go to Pang, at least, he added, the profit was distributed by him.

Lam said that under Pang's instructions he deposited CN\$1,000,000 into the Ba Chuen Bank in the form of a cheque, into the account of the Sincere Co. His cashier was sent to do that. The Bank gave him a receipt, for which one Shin Hou-tung, manager of the Ba Chuen Bank, said that he was instructed to give the receipt to defendant.

"That was my original intention, consistent with my instructions," Lam added.

**Interruption**  
Defendant, who was taking notes during the hearing, at this juncture suddenly banged his hand on the desk, pointing at the Court interpreter. "Witness did not say defendant," he ejaculated, in English.

Mr. Leo d'Almada apologised for his client's interruption, and requested verification by the Court interpreter twice asked witness who said Shin told him he was going to give the receipt to defendant.

Witness said that he saw defendant in Pang's office sometimes. He said when the company obtained advances from the Postal Bank it adopted the normal procedure. He was not quite clear about the proper procedure as he did not handle the matter.

In reply to Mr. Lonsdale, Lam said the bills of lading to cover the contracts were prepared when the date of sailing was fixed. These were handed to the Postal Bank in sale of the fact that the goods were not shipped.

Asked who received the drugs, witness said it was one of the managers of the Transocean Co's Branch Office.

Mr. Leo d'Almada asked leave to reserve his cross-examination of last witness.

He said that a large part of the evidence was new to the defence and it would not be possible for the last two witnesses to leave for Shanghai by Friday. He might need them after this week.

Mr. Lonsdale replied that the witnesses came from Shanghai on their own provision and he had no control over them. He needed further witnesses from Shanghai and would not prejudice his chance of procuring his witnesses by delaying the last witnesses.

Departure was adjourned to 11.30 a.m. today.

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## China Entertainments Annual Meeting

A profit of \$402,506.26 was disclosed by the Chairman, Sir Shou-son Chow at the 14th annual general meeting of the China Entertainment and Land Investment Company, Limited yesterday.

Directors present were: Sir Shou-son Chow (Chairman), Messrs. Dr. S. W. Ts'o, Liang Chi Hao, Chou Wai Hung, Chang Kwal Lin, Chang Kwal Cheong, Chang Kwal Yuen, Chang Kwal On, Li Lin Chi and George Y. K. Sul.

Addressing the shareholders the chairman said:

The net profit for the year amounts to \$402,506.26, which considering our heavy expenditures, and increased wages, shows a state of affairs which represent a successful working year.

The management have concluded contracts for special features from four of the major American companies, 20th Century Fox, R-K-O Radio, Universal-International, and Columbia Films, as well as British selections from London Films, International Films, and Eagle Lion.

We have acquired the choice picture of the year known as "Gentlemen's Agreement" and the most original movie story "Mirage on 34th Street" Ronald Colman who won this year's Academy award "Oscar" for the best performance in a picture entitled "Double Life" will also be on our screen.

Young who has been acclaimed the premiere actress of the year has just been shown in this Theatre in R-K-O's "Farmer's Daughter."

**"Forever Ambo"**  
Other outstanding pictures chosen for their entertainment value include, "Forever Ambo," Captain from Castille, "Morning Becomes Electric," "The Bishop's Wife" (the Royal Command Performance picture) "Fun and Fancy Free," "Bonnie, Prince Charlie," "Bond Sheet," "My Brother Jonathan" and others.

I may add that rentals derived from shops and offices of the King's Building have proved a fairly good investment.

Out of the profit available for distribution, your directors recommend the following appropriations: Provision for Taxation of \$40,000.00, dividend of \$1.00 per share on the paid-up capital, less income tax, amounting to \$80,872.20; a bonus of \$1.50 per share less income tax, amounting to \$134,782.05. In accordance with our Memorandum and Articles of Association No. 100, bonuses to Founders, Directors and staff of \$28,350.32, \$14,175.16 and \$20,355.32 respectively and the placing of \$30,000 to General Reserve, leaving a balance of \$37,381.80 to be carried forward to the next account.

The adoption of the report was seconded by Mr. Li Shiu-chung.

Before the re-election of directors and auditors, Mr. J. H. Beth asked the chairman if he would give his assurance that the bonus to the founder shareholders would be less 10 percent tax which was satisfactorily answered by the chairman.

Sir Shou-son Chow and Dr. T. W. Ts'o were re-elected directors, and Messrs. Percy Smith and Company were re-elected auditors at a fee of \$2,500.

Shareholders present were: Messrs. J. H. Soth, Chang Kwal-yau, Lee Shiu-chung, Chang Kwai-chung, Fook-chuen, P. L. Lowe and Chang Kwal-on.

**Godown Guttled**  
A gasoline storage godown on the west end of Canton's waterfront was gutted by a four-hour fire on Tuesday night, according to a Chinese press report yesterday.

The fire broke out shortly after 6 p.m. The city's entire fire fighting force was mobilised to deal with the outbreak.

Thirteen nearby wooden shacks were set alight by the blaze and completely destroyed.

There were, fortunately, no casualties.

The first diplomatic representative of the Philippine Republic to be appointed, Mr. Sebastian, is due to arrive in Hong Kong from Manila by air on Saturday on his way to take up the appointment. He carries the rank of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

**APPOINTED**  
The following appointments were gazetted yesterday:—

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J. T. Wakefield to be District Officer, South.

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Building, Connaught Road en-  
trance, on the 29th 30th and  
31st March and 1st April.

New tickets (for passengers  
not holding a ticket for the  
present month) can be obtain-  
ed at the Traffic Office only  
from 31st March.

V. WALKER  
Acting General Manager

## METAL INDUSTRIES OF CHINA, LTD.

(Incorporated under the  
Companies Ordinances of  
Hong Kong.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the SIXTH General Meet-  
ing of Shareholders of the Com-  
pany, adjourned on the 20th  
December, 1947, will be resumed  
at Electra House, 3, Con-  
naught Road Central, Hong  
Kong, on SATURDAY, 10th  
April, 1948, at 11.45 a.m. for  
the following purposes:-

1. To receive and consider the  
Directors' Report and  
Statements of Account for the  
period of 1st January, 1947,  
to 31st December, 1947.
2. To confirm the appointment  
and acts of the Directors,  
to elect Directors and to  
fix the remuneration of the  
Directors.
3. To consider the conversion  
of the Capital of the Com-  
pany into Hongkong Dol-  
lars, under the Registra-  
tion of China Companies  
Regulations, 1947.
4. To approve Secretarial and  
Management Fees.
5. To elect Auditors.
6. To transact any other or-  
dinary business of the  
Company.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors,  
WHELOCK MARDEN &  
CO., LTD.,  
Secretaries & Managers.  
HONGKONG, 30th Mar., 1948.

THE YING MING TRADING  
COMPANY  
第一相照明英新  
正對院戲后皇

First Grade Developing, Printing  
and Enlarging for your film.  
14, QUEEN'S RD., C. TEL. 27354  
OPPOSITE QUEEN'S THEATRE

## Beten's Beauty Salons, Kowloon.

Peninsula Hotel Arcade, Rm. 22.  
Announce the engagement of  
a qualified hairdresser, ten  
years experience with Scho-  
fields Ltd., High class hair-  
dresser of London, Yorks.  
Telephone 58081 for appoint-  
ments.

## NOTICE

### FREE CHOLERA INOCULATION

Employers of labour are  
notified that requests for ino-  
culation against cholera can be  
made to the Health Officer  
(Anti-Epidemic), Room 18,  
G.P.O. Building, second floor,  
Telephone No. 39618.

The number of persons to be  
inoculated and the name of the  
person in charge of the ar-  
rangements should be given in  
addition to the telephone number  
of the firm.

Firms employing less than  
50 employees are requested to  
send their employees for ino-  
culation to the nearest inocula-  
tion Centre.

These Centres are:-

### HONG KONG.

Aberdeen Chinese Public  
Dispensary.  
Western Chinese Public  
Dispensary.  
Eastern Chinese Public  
Dispensary.  
Central Chinese Public  
Dispensary.  
Shaohwan Chinese Public  
Dispensary.  
Stanley Chinese Public  
Dispensary.

Tung Wah Hospital.  
Tung Wah Eastern Hospital.  
Wanchai Maternity Hospital.  
Old G.C.H. Out-Patient Depart-  
ment, Queen's Road.  
Queen Mary Hospital.

### KOWLOON.

Yauwatt Chinese Public  
Dispensary.  
Shamshupur Chinese Public  
Dispensary.  
Hung Hom Chinese Public  
Dispensary.  
Kwong Wah Hospital.  
Kowloon Hospital.  
Tsim Sha Tsui Health Centre.

### NEW TERRITORIES.

Taiipo Dispensary.  
Un Long Dispensary.  
Cheung Chau Hospital.  
Tai O Dispensary.  
Sha Tau Kok Dispensary.  
Funtling (Ho Tung Dispensary).  
Sai Kung Dispensary.  
Sham Tseng (Ruttonjee  
Dispensary).  
San Hui Dispensary.

Arrangements for the free  
inoculation of groups of persons  
may be made by application to  
the Health Officer, Anti-Epi-  
demic, G.P.O. Building, or to  
any Health Office.

Individuals may be inoculated  
at any of the public dispen-  
saries or Government or Gov-  
ernment subsidised hospitals.

## NOTICE

### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF WIL-  
LIAM EDWIN CECIL  
MICHAEL BISHOP (com-  
monly known as Cecil Wil-  
liam Edwin Bishop) late of  
No. 4 Leighton Hill Road,  
Victoria in the Colony of  
Hongkong, Civil Engineer,  
deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the Court has by virtue of  
Section 58 of the Probates Or-  
dinance 1897 made an Order  
limiting the time for creditors  
and others to send in their  
claims against the above estate  
to 21st of April, 1948.

All creditors and others are  
accordingly hereby required to  
send their claims to the under-  
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 22nd day of  
March, 1948.

DEACONS  
SOLICITORS  
for the Executors.  
Prince's Building,  
Hong Kong.

## NOTICE

I the undersigned having  
withdrawn my interests and re-  
signed from Messrs. Carr Ram-  
sey & Son, Ltd., and The Linen  
Chest Ltd., as from March 31st,  
1948, have to-day joined  
Messrs. T. O. Wong & Co., Ltd.

C. R. W. THOMSON.

## NOTICE

We have pleasure in an-  
nouncing that Mr. C. R. W.  
Thomson has joined our firm  
and will occupy the position of  
Managing Director as from 1st  
April, 1948. T. O. Wong & Co.,  
Ltd.

# CHIANG KAI-SHEK CRAZY WITH POWER --STILWELL

New York, Mar. 30.

The late General Joseph Stilwell, war-time Ameri-  
can Commander in the Far East, wrote in pri-  
vate papers published here today that Win-  
ston Churchill "hypnotised" President Roose-  
velt, while "Chinese chicanery" emasculated  
American efforts to defeat Japan.

Churchill—"the world's greatest strategist"—had  
President Roosevelt "in his pocket", General  
Stilwell said.

In his Diaries and private  
papers, published in the  
"Ladies Home Journal," the  
General accused President  
Roosevelt of neglecting  
American interests in China  
during the war.

He denounced Generalis-  
simo Chiang Kai-shek as the  
"power crazy despot" of a  
corrupt one-party govern-  
ment "supported by a Gestapo  
and a party secret service".

Covering the period from  
Pearl Harbor in December  
1941 to the General's recall in  
October 1945, the diaries con-  
firmed that he was withdrawn  
under a threat by Generalis-  
simo Chiang Kai-shek to pull  
China out of the war.

But he indicated that the Gen-  
eralissimo was "tipped off" that  
Roosevelt would order the re-  
call if asked.

The papers referred to a con-  
ference the General had with  
Roosevelt, Churchill and other  
Allied war leaders in Washing-  
ton in May 1943.

"The Limeys (British) are not  
interested in the war in the

Pacific and with the President  
hypnotised, they are sitting  
pretty," Stilwell wrote.

"Roosevelt would not let me  
spend my piece," he interrupted  
twice but Churchill kept pulling  
away from the subject and  
"was impossible".

### What's The Use

Stilwell added the comment:  
"What is the use when the  
world's greatest strategist is  
against you?"

Just before his dismissal,  
Stilwell wrote to his wife that  
"Roosevelt has apparently let me  
down completely".

Chiang had "spoken contemptu-  
ously of American efforts and  
has never said one word to ex-  
press gratitude for our help ex-  
cept in one message to the Pres-  
ident in which he attacked me".

He was "responsible for major  
disasters of the war," Stilwell  
added.

Stilwell also indicated dis-  
agreements between Chiang and  
Madame Chiang who, he said,  
was "direct, forceful and ener-  
getic, loves power, eats up public-  
ity and flattery" and "is a great help  
on occasions."—Reuter.

# Watchman Guilty Of Extortion

Mak Cheung, 48, was one of the two watchmen sent  
by the Supreme Court Bailiff to keep watch  
over the furniture, fittings and personal effects  
of the occupants of 82 Fuk Wing Street, second  
floor, when a Distress Warrant (52/48) was  
issued against them on March 22.

At 8 a.m. on March 25, the  
watchmen arrived on the pre-  
mises (according to the testi-  
mony of Luk Fuk, a sub-tenant,  
when Mak was charged before  
Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kow-  
loon yesterday with extortion  
of \$39), and Luk went back to  
the flat at 9 a.m. to see what  
it was all about.

He told the Court yesterday  
that he had paid his rent of \$25  
to the principal tenant to date,  
and told the watchmen so. When  
he asked them for permission to  
remove some property out of the  
flat he was told that he must  
get the permission of the  
Supreme Court.

At 2 p.m. the same day, Luk  
and his co-tenants saw the in-  
mates of the first floor (which  
was also under distraint) moving  
out some property. When they  
asked Mak why those people  
could do so they were told, "I  
have obtained permission for  
those people to do that".

Mak added, "If you want to  
remove your property I can  
get permission from the office but  
you must pay ten-money of \$40."

Luk and his fellow-tenants got  
into conference and finally whi-  
pped up \$39 which they handed to  
Mak who accepted it. They were  
then permitted to remove their  
clothing and cooking utensils, said  
Det. Sub-Inspector D. S. Roberts.

Another tenant, Fung Ngan,  
reported to the Shamshupur  
Police that a man, claiming to be  
a Policeman, had refused to let  
her remove her bed-boards from  
the flat.

Detective 1169 was sent to in-  
vestigate and, after making in-  
quiries among the other tenants,  
arrested defendant.

Accused was sentenced to four  
months' hard labour.

The Seventy-fifth Ordinary  
Meeting of Shareholders  
will be held at the offices of the  
Undersigned on Friday, the 2nd  
April, 1948, at Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report  
of the General Managers to-  
gether with a Statement of Ac-  
counts for the year ended 31st  
December, 1947.

The Share Register and  
Transfer Books will be closed  
from the 19th March to the  
2nd April, 1948, both days in-  
clusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &  
CO., LTD.,  
General Managers,  
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance  
Co., Ltd.,  
Hongkong, 12th March, 1948.

## JANE

### THE WINSTON CHURCHILL MEMOIRS ARE ON THE WAY

THANK GOODNESS IT'S A  
"BRIGHT, MOONLY NIGHT-  
IF ERIC'S REALLY ON THE  
TRACK OF THE HOLYDAY  
SCAMP WILL BE ABLE  
TO RECOGNISE  
HIM, FRITZ!"

SW!  
SUCK DOWN BEHIND  
THEY'RE HERE!  
WHERE?

# Opposition To Price Fixing

Blackpool, Mar. 29.

At its annual conference here  
today, the 300,000-strong Shop  
Workers Union reaffirmed its  
opposition to the Trades Union  
Congress endorsement of the  
Labour Government's wage and  
price freezing policy.

While declaring its confidence  
in the Government, the confer-  
ence reiterated the view that to  
stabilise wages while the cost of  
living continued to rise would  
bring hardship to thousands of  
workers.

It urged a vigorous control of  
prices, a rigid limitation of pro-  
fits, and the introduction of a  
minimum wage throughout indus-  
try below which no worker  
should fall.

Mr. A. W. Burrows, General  
Secretary of the Union, said that  
workers would not respond to  
the Government's appeal that they  
thought that they were the only  
people asked to make sacrifices.

## STUDENTS RUN RIOT

Peiping, Mar. 31.

Chinese students in Peiping,  
campaigning for funds in order to  
relieve destitute students and  
comrades from Communist areas,  
yesterday climaxed their canvas-  
sing by smashing the windows,  
and furniture of the Fu Shun na-  
tive bank, whose contribution  
was allegedly insufficient.

The riot area was cordoned off  
and patrolled by police and sol-  
diers.

Previously, one native bank  
had published a public apology to  
the students for discourtesy by  
its employees.—Reuter.

## MORE WAR PREPARATIONS

Washington, Mar. 30.

The Government Munitions  
Board is ready to survey  
about 11,000 factories to find  
what war goods they could  
make in any future emer-  
gency. Its chairman, Mr.  
Thomas J. Hargrave, said  
today.—Reuter.

## RAPC Man's Courage

London, Mar. 30.

Private Gordon Ellis of the  
Royal Army Pay Corps has been  
awarded the British Empire  
Medal (Military Division) for  
extinguishing one of two bombs  
while their fuses were burning  
in Barclay's Bank, Halifax, placed  
there by Jewish terrorists on  
Feb. 29 last year.

Before he could extinguish the  
second bomb, Private Ellis, who  
comes from Lissie, Yorkshire,  
was seriously injured when it  
exploded and detonated the first.  
Two naval men with Private  
Ellis were injured, one of them  
fatally.

The citation said Private Ellis  
acted with courage and prompt-  
itude and with complete disre-  
gard of his own safety.—Asso-  
ciated Press.

# Undernourishment? not in my family!

Just because there is enough food in  
your house does not mean that your  
family is properly nourished. Doctors  
will tell you that quality is even more  
important than quantity, and that  
nowadays our food may be deficient  
in elements needed in a correctly  
balanced diet.

To meet this situation, doctors  
recommend Horlicks as a sup-  
plementary food. Horlicks  
contains all the goodness of  
full-cream cow's milk to which  
has been added the rich,  
energising nourishment extrac-  
ted from malted barley and  
wheat. As an addition to the diet  
it is a sure safeguard against  
undernourishment providing all  
round nourishment for conver-  
sation into energy and body  
reserves. Horlicks can be made with  
water only—the milk is in it.  
Protect your family by giving  
them Horlicks every day!

The Doctor Says—  
WHEN NUTRITION  
IS INCOMPLETE  
I RECOMMEND  
HORLICKS  
BECAUSE IT IS A  
BALANCED MILK FOOD.

WHAT HORLICKS IS  
Horlicks is made from pure full-  
cream cow's milk plus the  
nutritive extracts of malted  
barley and wheat. It is a com-  
plete food containing body-  
building and energy-giving  
food-stuffs in proportions  
necessary for normal nutrition.  
Horlicks is 100% nourishment.

Horlicks can be



TO-DAY ONLY **QUEEN'S** AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 P.M.

SHE HAD HIM PUT IN A FULL DAY'S WORK... AT NIGHT!

Rosallind RUSSELL • Fred MacMURRAY

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Your Eyes, Your Ears, Your Heart Never Had A Greater Thrill!

**"CALIFORNIA"** In Technicolor  
A Paramount Picture Starring  
**RAY MILLAND**  
**BARBARA STANWYCK**  
**BARRY FITZGERALD**  
and a Cast of Thousands

**JOHN FARROW** PRODUCTION  
Directed by JOHN FARROW

SHOWING TO-DAY **KINGS** At 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.

UNIVERSAL-INTERNATIONAL presents **MacMURRAY GARDNER**

**Singapore**  
Crossroads of Intrigue!

**ROLAND CULVER • RICHARD HAYDN**  
**THOMAS GOMEZ • SPRING BYINGTON**

Screenplay by SELTON MILLER, ROBERT THOMAS • Original Story by Selton Miller  
Directed by JOHN BRAHIN • Produced by JERRY BRILLER • A UNIVERSAL INTERNATIONAL PICTURE

ADDED: LATEST 20TH CENTURY FOX MOVIE TONE NEWS.  
The Long awaited newscast of Truman's Speech in Congress to stop Russia. United Nations investigating Soviet seizure of Czechoslovakia. Communists stage pompous funeral for Jan Masaryk!!! Hundreds of U.S. Tanks and Trucks shipped to Turkey. Irish of New York parade on sunny St. Patrick's Day. Grand National Steeplechase in England. 43 started, 14 finished. St. Louis beats N.Y.U. for invitation basketball title.

**ORIENTAL**

Final Showing To-Day At 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.20 p.m.  
A GREAT ADVENTURE PICTURE... DETECTIVES!

**ANTHONY HULME**  
**JOY SHELTON**  
in  
**"SEND FOR PAUL TEMPLE"**  
TAMARA DESNI  
BEATRICE VARLEY JACK RAINE

COMMENCING TO-MORROW

"2 YEARS before the MAST"

**CENTRAL**  
TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 P.M.

**MICHAEL REDGRAVE**  
**VALERIE HOBSON**  
**ATLANTIC FERRY**  
A GRIFFITH JONES PRODUCTION  
MARGARET SCOTT • MURRAY POWER • BESSIE LEE • MURRAY POWER • FREDERICK

# ATOMIC CONTROL COLLAPSES

## Soviet Stand Stops All Discussion

### Committee To Be Dissolved

Lake Success, Mar. 30.

The United Nations Atomic Energy Control Committee, appointed to draw up an international agreement for an Atomic Energy Control Board, collapsed entirely today.

One member of the Committee after another declared that further discussion would be pointless in view of the Soviet Union's adamant stand on basic issues.

## Western Ideology's Frontier

Washington, Mar. 30. The dividing line between Eastern and Western ideology runs roughly along the River Elbe, General Lucius D. Clay, the United States Military Governor in Germany, told the House of Representatives in evidence before the House Appropriations Committee, made public today.

It has become more and more apparent that the ideological struggle for Central Europe is a continuing process and one that we may expect to last for a long time, he declared.

"We believe we have established a frontier for Western thinking and Western philosophy, and we are holding that frontier."

He urged that the United States continue to support German industry, adding that it would take food as well as dollars to stop Communism in Germany.

The key to the economic recovery of Europe was the revival of Germany.

If Communism does penetrate into Western Germany and if it is successful in getting a stronghold across the Rhine, then it becomes almost impossible to stop its spread throughout Europe.

He added that any attempt arbitrarily to establish a form of Government in Germany is going to be the surest way in which to destroy that form of Government in Germany.—Reuter.

## Curfew In Surakarta

Batavia, Mar. 30.

A curfew has been imposed on Surakarta, second city of the Indonesian Republic in Central Java, after armed disturbances caused by "irregulars" alleged to be followers of former Republican Major General Sutomo, according to reports from Jogjakarta tonight.

During "mopping up" operations ordered by the Republican government on March 28 and 29, one Republican soldier and three "irregulars" were reported killed.

General Sutomo, known as the "Radio General", resigned from the regular Republican Army last January.

He became known for his violent anti-British broadcasts and his denunciation of the true signed between the British, Dutch and Indonesians in November, 1946.—Reuter.

NEXT CHANGE AT THE

**KINGS**

"MR. CHIPS" IN A  
THRILLING NEW ROMANCE!  
**ROBERT DONAT**  
**Vacation from Marriage**

with **DEBORAH KERR**  
They parted as lovers—and met as strangers!  
**CASABLANCA**  
Produced and Directed by **ALEXANDER KORDA**  
**WATCH FOR THE OPENING DATE**

## SHANGHAI H.C.L. CLAMOUR

Shanghai, Mar. 31.

While all Shanghai labour was eagerly awaiting today's announcement of the cost of living index which will decide the size of their pay for March, a clamour for the conditional freezing of the index was growing from hard-pressed industrial and commercial firms.

The Labour-Capital Arbitration Committee has decided to refer the entire issue to the Central Government for consideration.

The proposal is prompted by fear on the part of Capital that the climbing index will eventually cause a complete shut-down of factories as the result of failure to meet labour costs.

The Arbitration Committee at the same time will urge the Central Government to increase the quantity of rationed daily necessities such as rice, coal, edible oil and sugar and thus ease the labourer's lot.—Reuter.

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

NOT EXACTLY THE SAME

With certain combinations of cards in a suit, there is apparently no difference at all between the results from leading either of two different cards of a solid sequence to the first trick. Deeper study, however, will show that there is all the difference in the world. One lead makes it a sure thing that you can take every trick in the suit, whereas the other risks the loss of a trick.

The finest players study such combinations away from the table, so they can recognize them and save time in the actual game.

S. A J 10 9 4  
H. 8 5 4  
D. 8 4  
C. J 9 5

S. 8 6  
H. K 10 9  
D. 8 2  
C. J 9 7 3

S. K Q 5-2  
H. A Q J 7  
D. None  
C. K 8 7 4

S. 7 3  
H. None  
D. A K Q 10 8 5 2  
C. A Q 10 3

(Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable.)

West North East South  
Pass Pass 1 H 3 D  
3 H 3 S 4 H 5 D  
Dbl

South saw at once after West led the heart K that he stood to lose two tricks, one in spades and one in diamonds, if West had all four missing trumps. He therefore could not afford to drop one in clubs. Presuming in that direction, he ruffed the opener, scored the diamond A to confirm his diagnosis of East having no trumps, took the K too, then let the spade J lose to the Q. He ruffed the returned heart, used the diamond Q and led to the spade A.

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

What is South's sound play for 5-Spades doubled by East and redoubled by himself, after the heart 10 is led?

S. 7 6 3  
H. 10 4  
D. 5 4 3  
C. J 8 7

S. 9  
H. A K J 9  
D. A Q J  
C. K Q 10

S. A K Q J 5  
H. None  
D. K 10 9 8 7 6 2  
C. 3

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

What is South's sound play for 5-Spades doubled by East and redoubled by himself, after the heart 10 is led?

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C. K Q 10

S. A K Q J 5  
H. None  
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C. 3

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C. J 8 7

S. 9  
H. A K J 9  
D. A Q J  
C. K Q 10

## NINOTCHKA OFFENDS

Roma, Mar. 30.

The release to cinemas here of "Ninotchka," the film in which Greta Garbo plays the part of a "Comrade" on a Soviet Purchasing Commission whose allegiance is shaken by the flesh attractions of Paris, has brought a protest from the Soviet Embassy.

An Italian Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that the note was being studied. The film, banned by the Fascist regime, has not previously been shown in Italy.—Reuter.

## SICILY RIOTS

Roma, Mar. 30.

Two people were killed and many injured when police opened fire today on rioters in Pantelleria, south of Sicily, according to reports received by the Sicilian Regional Government.

The rioters, demonstrating against heavy taxation, burned down the communal tax offices.—Reuter.

## RUSSIAN WHEAT GIFT

Sofia, Mar. 30.

Bulgarians will eat better bread next month, thanks to Russia, it was announced today. Beginning April 1, bread will be made of 70 per cent wheat and 30 per cent maize flour.

The newspaper Otechestven Front (Fatherland Front) said the improvement had been made possible "exclusively thanks to the brotherly aid of the Soviet Union, which granted us 75,000 tons of wheat."—United Press.

## RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and from 6.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.82 megacycles in the 21 metre band from 12.30 to 1.30, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.  
12.35 p.m.—From the Films.  
1.00 p.m.—Eric Galtier "London Suite".  
1.05 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra.  
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.  
1.25 p.m.—Dramatic Interlude.  
1.30 p.m.—Songs and Music from Foreign Lands.  
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.  
2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.  
2.10 p.m.—Children's Story "Peter Duck" by Arthur Ransome. Episode 8. "Into the Channel". Read by Captain Flint (Studio).  
2.15 p.m.—Demi-Hour Francophone (Studio).  
2.20 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).  
2.25 p.m.—Tommy Handley in "ITMA" (R.I.C.T.).  
2.30 p.m.—"Thursday Serenade".  
2.35 p.m.—"We Sing for You" Maria Fawcett and Jan Klepura.  
2.40 p.m.—Orchestral Favourites.  
2.45 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).  
2.50 p.m.—Weather Report.  
2.55 p.m.—Book Reviews presented by "Allen Drayton". "The Arc of War" by Arnold Zweig; "The Last of the Emperors" by Danielle Yare; "The Purple Plain" by J. E. B. Miles.  
3.00 p.m.—Children's Playhouse "Frieda".  
3.05 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).  
3.10 p.m.—Piano Solo.  
3.15 p.m.—For Dancing.  
3.20 p.m.—Close Down.

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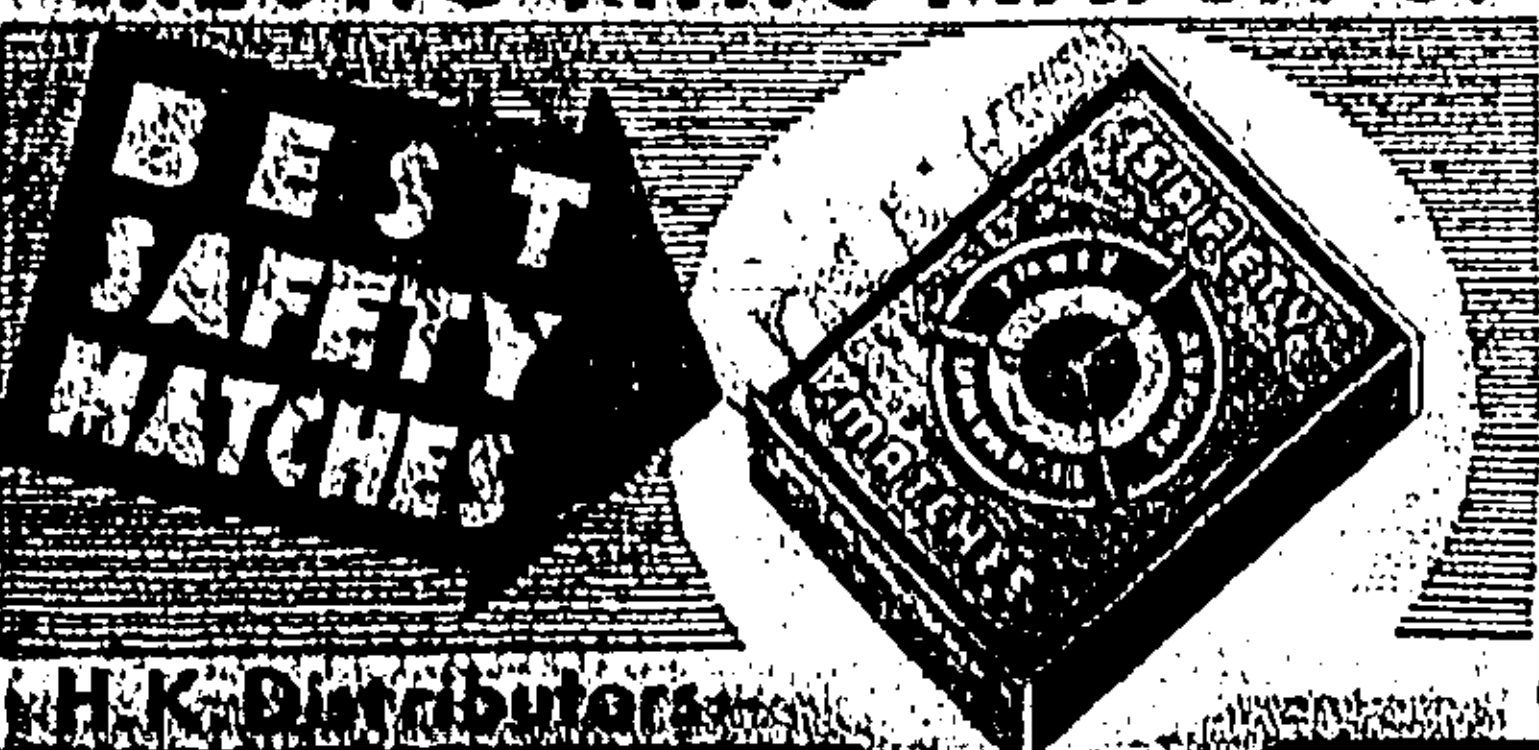
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### WORLD TRADE

The Havana conference on trade and employment has now ended with the signature of the "final act" of the conference by all the participating countries except Argentina. The final act establishes the text of the Charter for the International Trade Organisation and it remains for the governments to consider whether they will formally accept the Charter and thus bring the organisation into being. It was this Charter, which Mr. William Clayton, head of the U.S. delegation, said might "well prove to be the greatest step in history towards order and justice in economic relations among the members of the world community."

The United Kingdom has been concerned at every stage of the drafting of the Charter and it is a document of outstanding importance for Britain which depends, perhaps more than any other on the expansion of world trade. The Charter is, in the nature of the case, a compromise, and as such is bound to give less than full satisfaction to all the governments concerned in its preparation. This applies to the United Kingdom as well as to others. The United Kingdom delegate expressed conviction, however, that the principles behind the Charter are the right principles and that the I.T.O. has great work in front of it. The Havana conference has been in continuous session for four months and has brought to a conclusion work done in London in 1946 and in Geneva last year by the Preparatory Committee of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. There were 58 delegations at Havana as compared with the 18 countries which formed the Preparatory Committee.

In one respect the Havana conference covered a smaller field than the Geneva conference. The latter concluded tariff negotiations between members of the Preparatory Committee who were at the same time considering the provisions of the Charter whereas the Havana conference was confined to consideration of the Charter—a sufficient task for so many countries of varying economic structures and stages of development.

The main lines remain much the same as in the Geneva draft. In particular on a matter of great importance to the United Kingdom, the articles dealing with most favoured nation treatment and the position of existing preferential systems such as that of the British Commonwealth, remain substantially unchanged.

In the section on economic development (which includes reconstruction) however, the provisions regarding new preferences between territories which form an economic region are now so drafted that such new preference will automatically be given the approval of the International Trade Organisation if they satisfy certain detailed criteria. An explanatory note says that the Organisation may interpret the term "economic region" in such a way as not to require close geographical proximity if a sufficient degree of economic integration exists between the territories concerned.

These provisions go further than previous drafts in their recognition of the possibility of new preferences. On this matter the United Kingdom delegate said in the final session that the United Kingdom would expect the Organisation to administer these provisions "so that there is no unfairness as between the

### Bad And Regrettable

That means it is no insult to say of a man, even though he is a popular hero, that he was a Catholic and practically an enemy of the State. That kind of justice is utterly worthless.

I am now going to have a number of the clergymen who read Moellers' letter from their pulpits, and who refuse to publish a denial despite being taught the facts, taken into a concentration camp. I shall then publish a bulletin about it.

March 8: In one army corps alone 18,000 horses fell during February, 795 of them from exhaustion.

The Vichy people are seeing to it that the victims of the English bomb raid are buried as quickly as possible. They are being interred in the various cemeteries early in the morning.

Attendance: I am told, is very small because nothing is said about the place and time of burial.

[In other words, Goebbels' grandly planned state funeral fizzled out.]

### Java's Fall

March 9: The Dutch communiqué about Java is really the last word on the situation. It is bad and regrettable for Europe that Holland should lose her colonial possessions, but in the last analysis so small a people has no right to any overseas possessions, while a nation of Germany's rank has none.

We are faced with the difficult task of making clear to the German people that if Churchill falls England need not necessarily collapse; on the contrary, it might mean an even more vigorous and energetic prosecution of the war.

This, of course, cannot hurt us much in the long run, but it might cause us temporary trouble.

England is on the toboggan. The misfortune which has overtaken her in these weeks is like an avalanche that begins with small snowflakes and later, with thunderous noise, rolls irresistibly down into the valley.

March 10: Cries of distress are heard from Australia.

The possibility of a separate peace with Japan is already being discussed on the quiet. The Japanese have been close to Australia that it seems to be directly before their eyes as ready and enticing booty.

Our funeral ceremony at the Place de la Concorde (in Paris) seems to have been tremendously impressive. On Sunday hundreds of thousands of people filed by the catafalque.

### Heavy Raids

Nevertheless we are not making much in this respect. The German Press since there have also been heavy air raids on the Ruhr which we cannot splash in the German Press.

The German people would find it hard to understand if the German Press shed tears for the Parisians but gave only a few lines to our own losses.

To think what a number of domestic questions are laid before one in the course of a day!

Should dancing girls be inducted into the Women's Labour Service? If not they fail to get the necessary Nazi indoctrination, if they become, they become fat, ungainly, and unfit to dance.

We are now trying to put them through special courses, and while organising them as in labour service, to give them the kind of work which will not disqualify them for their profession.

March 12: House of Commons accusing the Japanese of frightful atrocities against English prisoners of war in Hong Kong.

We know his line. It is above all an eloquent sign that the English are in a very bad way.

Every time they encounter defeat after defeat they begin dealing sentimentality and weeping crocodile tears.

The Japanese immediately gave a tart and convincing answer. The House of Lords has once again taken a stand against the Arabs and for the Jews. It is surprising how much Jewish influence there is among the English people, especially in the upper crust, which is hardly English in character any longer.

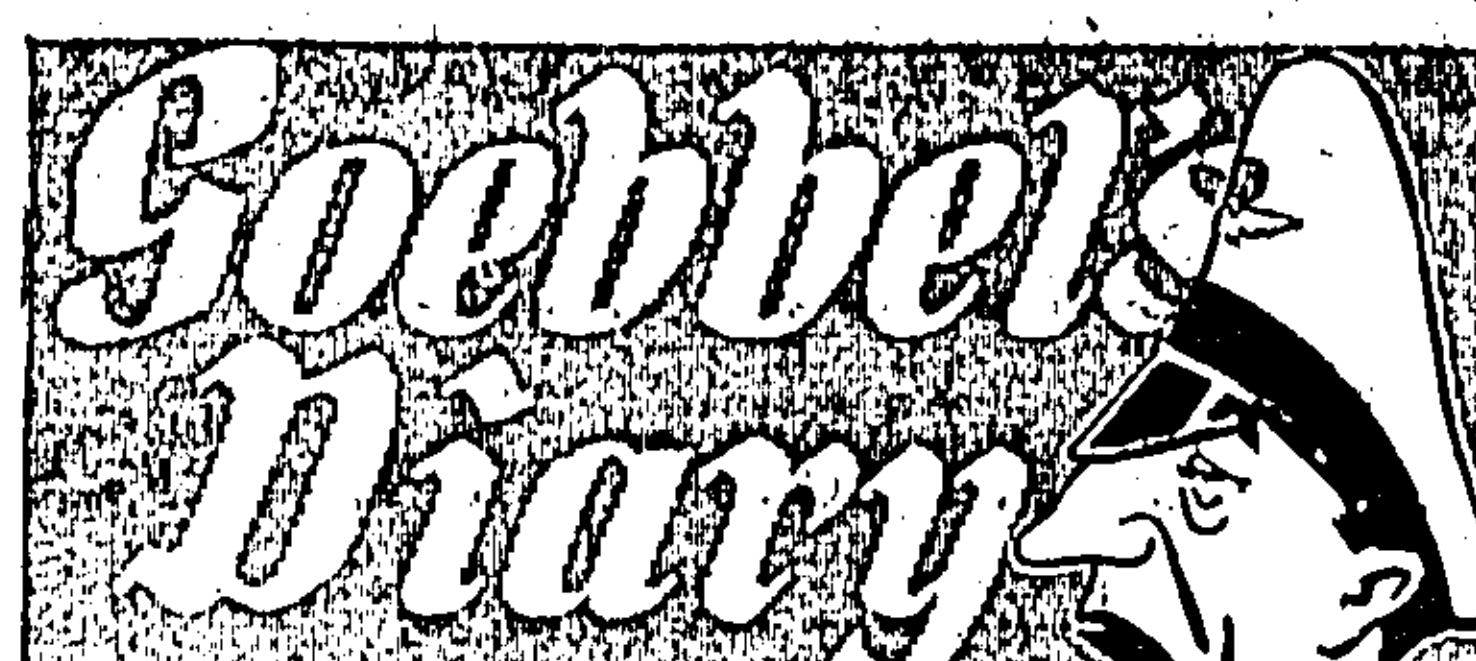
The chief reason is no doubt the fact that these Upper Ten Thousand have become so infested with the Jewish virus by Jewish marriages that they can hardly think in English.

### Land Urge

March 13: I should very much like to have an estate of my own, earned by my own labour. It is, of course, very difficult at the moment to buy land because nobody wants to sell.

But I will continue to pursue this aim. It is especially desirable for the sake of the family to treatment of other regional groups and that of the British Commonwealth, and no doubt the commercial relationships between the Philippines and the United States were very much in his mind.

Generally speaking the results of the Havana deliberations will be hailed as a distinct forward step. It is, at all events, the first impressive demonstration in two years of the ability of nations to work out an acceptable compromise in circumstances not obviously favourable.



own something, that is stable, keeps its value and which one can later pass on as an inheritance.

Whether the Indians will take their fate into their own hands is very doubtful. They are divided by so many religious sects and so many racial elements that they are scarcely capable of a unified and energetic expression of will.

March 14: In the afternoon we arrived in Vienna. The great Anschluss celebration took place on Herold Square, with about 100,000 people taking part.

In a few monumental sentences I gave a picture of the present situation which drew storms of applause. Vienna has indeed become a tough city.

March 15: There were raids on the Ruhr with Cologne as the principal target. Five major, 20 medium, and 35 smaller fires. The country nearby was hit by phosphorous bombs. Several railway lines are temporarily out of commission. To date five dead and 29 wounded.

A bomb struck the bridge across the Rhine at Muehlheim; traffic there has been interrupted. The cinema office of the Gau has been completely destroyed. One department store was burned out.

The Fuehrer has offered a reward of 100,000 marks for the apprehension of the author of the forged Moellers letter.

### Wehrmacht Caught

I learn that this letter was distributed very widely in Vienna by officers of the Wehrmacht. Among others, even General Stresemann personally participated in the distribution, believing it to be genuine.

He had to admit that the letter was sent him by Field Marshal General von Mackensen (a Field Marshal in the 1914 war). This old gentleman, who knows pitifully little about politics,

Unfortunately one cannot do much against him because he is such an important personality.

I have a report from Paris that sentiment among the Parisians is by no means as anti-English as we imagined.

The Parisians are a peculiar people. At first they rejoiced that the English had inflicted damage upon the Germans with their bombs.

Then, when they learned that hardly a German died, but that casualties occurred only among Frenchmen, they suddenly complained that Paris had not been protected sufficiently by anti-aircraft guns and that no alert had been sounded.

You can't do much with Frenchmen. They are a macabre people evidently doomed to national-political destruction.

March 16, 1942: The Moellers letter is now going the rounds of foreign countries. The B.B.C. has seized upon this forgery. It is interesting to note to what defamatory work the German generals, headed by von Mackensen, have lent themselves, even though unwittingly.

The activity of Partisans in the occupied East has increased noticeably in recent weeks. They are conducting a well-organised guerrilla war. It is very difficult to get at them because they are using such defamatory methods that the population is afraid of collaborating with us loyally any longer.

The spearheads of this whole Partisan activity are the political commissars and especially the Jews. It has therefore proved necessary once again to shoot more Jews.

### CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



### Paris Bomb Damage

result from the English blockade, but merely from the general war situation.

In Paris the bomb damage was not so bad as at first appeared. The population has already forgotten it. The French have become very insolent. But we'll deal with these when the time comes.

Whether we shall succeed this spring and summer in defeating the Bolsheviks no man can say.

We must rely to some extent upon our good luck, and fight. Many such situations arise during a war.

The victor will always be the one with the greater courage and the stronger nerves. Undoubtedly it is we who have both.

March 20: Through snow and frost we drove to G.H.G. Morale there is extraordinarily good.

My work is praised by everybody.

The Fuehrer, thank God, appears to be in good health.

He is really to be pitied. He must take the onerous burden of the war on his own shoulders, and no one can relieve him of responsibility for all the decisions that must be made.

I became especially conscious of this during a talk with Schaub (Hitler's personal adjutant). He told me that the Fuehrer had recently been not too well. One can understand this, for even physically it is impossible for one person to carry such a gigantic load over an extended period.

Added to this, the Fuehrer practically lives in a concentration camp.

He has absolutely no opportunity for relaxation, and as long as he is awake is surrounded by work and responsibility.

The solitude in which he is compelled to perform his duties must sooner or later affect him deeply.

### Generals No Help

The generals, for the most part, have not helped matters. High general staff officers, simply cannot stand severe strain or cope with heavy spiritual crisis. It is just something they haven't learned.

Besides, their initial success in this war have convinced too many of them that everything can succeed at the first attempt, and that serious difficulties cannot possibly arise anywhere.

The Fuehrer alone saved the front during the past winter. The fact that he gave no sign of weakness whatever was the real reason why the front did not become shaky.

Realising this situation, I consider it all the more my duty to let the Fuehrer now and then have reports, news and information which will distract him to some extent from his immediate war tasks.

It must be done adroitly, so that he won't notice it, because when he does he resents all such efforts.

(To be Continued)

## Baltavia Pierced Baltic Black-Out

This is the story of a Russian woman who couldn't say "no" to an English cup of coffee. It comes from a thousand miles due east, from the crew of a British ship which sailed through the Iron Curtain, along the grey, shallow Baltic to a land of misery.

To-day you don't hear much about the three unhappy States lying along the coast where the Baltic Sea swings ninety degrees north towards Finland.

Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are their names, and they're part of Russia now. Between the two World Wars they were happy republics that ran their own show very well. We used to eat thousands of tons of Baltic butter, you may remember.

But it is no fun being a buffer State in wartime. By the time these fertile, richly wooded countries had been annexed by Russia in 1940, overrun by the Germans in 1941, and overrun by the Russians again in 1944 there wasn't really much of them left.

In fact, the difficulty is to find out exactly what is left. The Soviet official statistics about them look nice. Stories from Germany and Sweden by Baltic refugees

By

### Nicholas Carroll

about the gentle art of imposing a Communist regime, have the atmosphere of horror that has grown commonplace east of Germany.

### Tempted, She Fell

The captain and crew of the British cargo ship Baltavia found out something about Latvia last spring. They took a load of U.N.R.R.A. supplies to the port of Libau (the Letts used to call it Liepaja), destined ultimately for the Ukrainian Government.

Some time after she dropped anchor a large boatload of Soviet officials came out to make a search of the ship. The captain invited them into the smoking room.

Through an interpreter he asked: "Would you care for some coffee and biscuits while you're checking the papers?"

Some of the officials looked eager. Their smiles did away with the commandant's looming glare in a chair, snapped back: "We neither seek favours nor grant them."

The search began. One of the officials was a woman in uniform. She examined the officers' cabins, then went down to look at the dining-room, galley and storeroom.

The last was her undoing. She saw an opened tin of biscuits. She gulped, and looked at the steward who was taking her round.

"Can I have one of those?" she asked. "And perhaps a cup of coffee?"

The Russian commandant, still looking through the ship's papers in the smoking room, the crew haven't forgotten that visit to Libau. For four hours they stood on the deck in a temperature well below freezing-point, while their quincies were searched. The ship's radio was sealed.

### Slave Labour Gangs

When the ship was finally allowed to berth, her cargo was unloaded by gangs of slave labour. Some were German war prisoners. Some were Poles. Others were made up of assorted nationals. All were filthy, ragged, underfed, heavily and brutally guarded.

A Polish greaser on the Baltavia got a shock when he recognised a fellow-Pole in one of the gangs. He was a man who had returned to Poland in 1945 and had "disappeared" after a few weeks at home.

Members of the labour gangs used to toss letters on to the deck at night. They were mostly for addresses in Germany and Poland. The captain had them burnt. He wasn't taking chances on another search.

Because the slave labour gangs were frequently taken away to work on newly arrived Soviet ships the Baltavia spent 10 days unloading instead of a normal three days.

Latvians, Estonians and Lithuanians are scattered over the world. Thousands died during the war. Thousands it is said, have been deported East.

Shortly after the Baltavia's visit to Libau the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs told Parliament that the British Government had recognised Soviet administration in the Baltic States de facto.

"Nothing else would be a sensible course," he said. "It is no good thinking wistfully about it and burying our heads in the sand."

The House then adjourned for the Whitsun holidays.

## You May Call Him "Tayshok"

A stocky, greying, middle-aged man whose features have a distinct "bulldog" Churchillian look is Eire's new Taoiseach (Prime Minister)—the first change for 10 years.

John Aloysius Costello, K.C., is the popular conception of a "decent Irishman." Retiring, unassuming, he lives quietly with his wife and four of his five children—three boys and a girl—in Herbert Park, fashionable Dublin suburb.

His elder daughter Grace, practised at the Irish Bar until she married—a solicitor. His eldest son, Declan, is studying for the

Dar at University College, Dublin.

Mr. Costello smokes cigarettes but seldom drinks alcohol, although he is no teetotaler. At week-ends he plays golf, he is this year's captain of the famous Port Marnock County Dublin Club. After the game he usually leaves the 19th hole to his cards and drinks and drives home.

### Toughest Job

He has been called a Liberal Conservative—the opposite to Mr. de Valera, the narrow doctrinaire Nationalist. His newest job is one of his toughest ones—to weld together into a National Government men of five groups who have been bitter political enemies all their lives.

At 57 Mr. Costello can look back on a life divided into two, distinct parts. His first part, from 1923 to 1932, he spent in politics—although he is one of the few Irish politicians who took no part in the "trouble," the 1916 rebellion or the Civil war.

He preferred his law studies. He held office in the State Provisional Government set up after the rebellion.

Three times—in 1920, 1920 and 1932—he represented the former Irish Free State Imperial Conference in London. He drafted the famed Statute of Westminster, which defined the relations of Commonwealth countries with the Empire. Five times he was Irish delegate to the League of Nations.

### Second Phase

In 1932 Mr. de Valera was elected to power. Mr. Cosgrave remained in politics and Mr. Costello a front bench. But the second phase of his life opened.

He concentrated on law. Within a few years he commanded the biggest fees at the Irish Bar. In court his cross-examination is devastating, and has reduced many a witness to shattered incoherence.

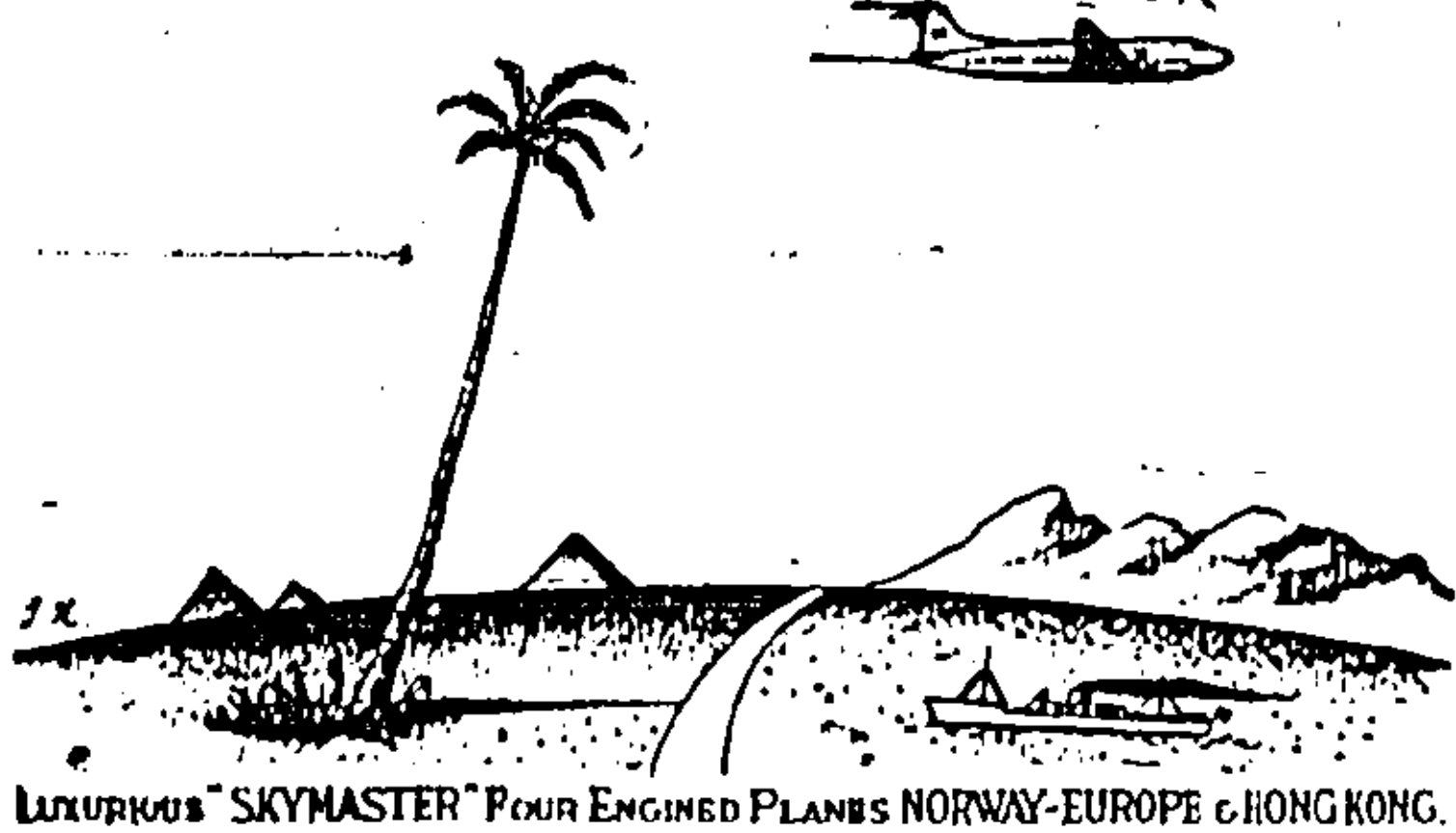
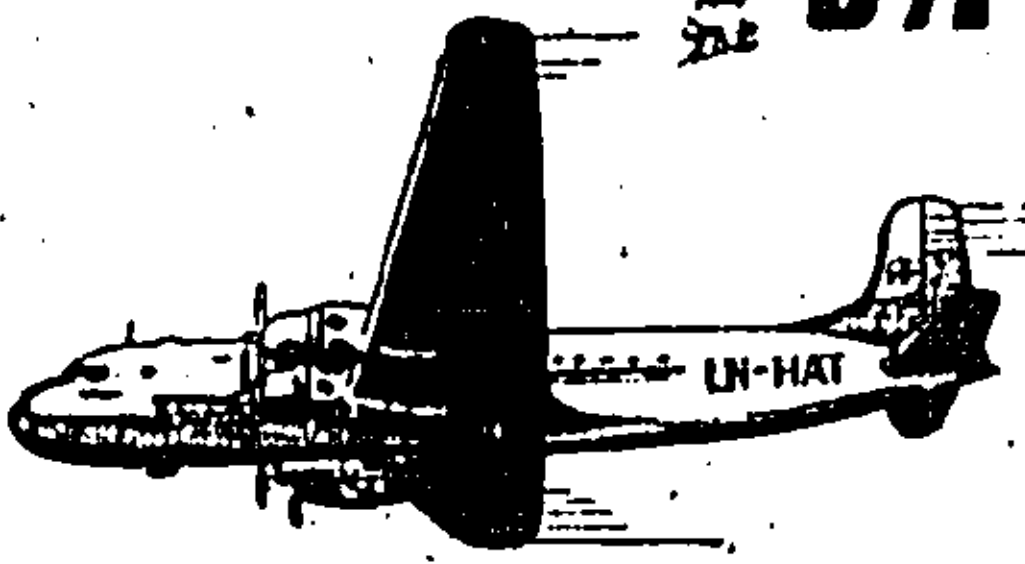
Now, John Costello's ordered life is to be disturbed again. He was loath to return to whole-time, boisterous Irish politics. But he takes life and politics seriously.

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WINDSOR HOUSE

# AMERICAN AID FOR FRANCO VOTED BY REPRESENTATIVES "GREAT BULWARK AGAINST REDS"

Washington, Mar. 30.

The House of Representatives today approved the inclusion of Spain in the Marshall Plan by a vote of 149 to 52.

The amendment on Spain was proposed yesterday by Representative Alvin Oronski, Republican of Wisconsin, who called the Franco Government the "greatest bulwark against Communism in Europe."

The Foreign Affairs Committee chairman, Mr. John Vorys, Republican of Ohio, said on the floor of the House that Spain could still be excluded by the other European nations if they so desired.

Congressman Stanley Isaacson, of the "American Labour Party of New York," said the House action on Spain would shock the conscience of the world.

"We in this House have embraced to our bosoms the Fascist Government of France,"

## British Attitude

The vote in favour of including Spain among the countries receiving aid under the Marshall Plan is unlikely to influence Britain's attitude on the subject, it was stated in London by a Foreign Office spokesman.

The spokesman recalled that during the meeting of the 16 European Marshall programme powers in Paris, a Portuguese resolution to include Spain in the ERP resulted in no action, either positive or negative.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who was in the chair at that meeting of the Committee for European Economic Cooperation, did not put the Portuguese suggestion to the vote.

This was interpreted by observers at the time as an indication that the motion would be opposed by a majority of the 16 European powers and that the chairman, in the certainty that this was so, preferred to let the Portuguese proposal remain as a general statement of opinion rather than a formal vote.

## The Issues

There is nothing, observers here consider, to prevent the United States from deciding to give economic assistance to Spain on the same terms and under the same decision of Congress as the other 16 European countries, but for this to be administered within the framework of the Marshall Plan programme would presumably mean the approval of the 16 nations of Spain's admission to membership of the Committee of European Economic Cooperation.

Such a decision could only be taken at a plenary session of the Committee.

The next plenary session, it is expected, here, will take place towards the middle of next month when the delegation heads are due to consider the Working Party recommendations for setting up a permanent European organisation to administer the European end of American aid and coordinate the measures of European economic cooperation.

If the Spanish membership is proposed at the next Paris plenary session, present indications are that Britain, following the policy which she has consistently adopted, would oppose the admission of Spain while under the Franco regime.—Reuter.

## Criticisms

Mr. Richard Crossman, one of the prominent "intellectuals" among Labour Members of Parliament, commented to Reuters tonight on the American House of Representatives' decision to include Spain in the Marshall aid.

He said if the United States aid were extended to Spain and also to Portugal, this would prejudice European recovery as a whole.

It was part of the American policy of backing up anybody who was anti-Communist, he declared, but it should not be allowed to influence Britain's own policy.

"Britain's attitude should be strictly neutral," he added.

Lord Vansittart, former Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, declared that the decision would be hotly criticised, both in Britain and in the other democratic countries of Western Europe.

"I do not distinguish between various kinds of dictatorships," he added, "and as certain of these totalitarian countries have decided to have nothing to do with Marshall aid, it seems to me only logical that it should be withheld from all totalitarian countries."—Reuter.

## Stormy Atmosphere In Indo-China

Saigon, Mar. 30.

France has "torpedoed" her relations with Vietnam by forming a Federation of minority areas in Indo-China, General Xuyan, Prime Minister of Southern Vietnam, declared today.

"The atmosphere has become stormy," he added. "Things need to be cleared up straight away."

General Xuyan's Indo-Chinese Nationalist Government excluded the Nationalist Viet Minh Party, led by Dr. Ho Chi Minh, which has been conducting guerilla warfare against the French for more than a year.

Bao Dai, ex-Emperor of Annam, has been negotiating for a settlement between the French and the Southern Vietnam Government, and recently held talks with M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, in Hongkong and Geneva.

The French attitude, General Xuyan added, "has led to a stiffening, which was noticeable in the Hong Kong interviews."

"A further interview may take place between Bao Dai and M. Bollaert but in all likelihood it would be purely a matter of courtesy, without political significance."

General Xuyan added that a study committee for a Central Government would meet at Saigon on April 3 to study the clauses of a treaty of peace with France which could be signed at once.

Cochin-China, for its part, wishes to form an autonomous state within a Vietnam Federation on the model of the United States of America.

Mr. Nguyen Phan Long, director of the newspaper, Echo du Vietnam, who has just returned from Hongkong, declared in an article today that Bao Dai indicated to him that he was disappointed over the talks in Geneva and Paris.

## Russian Amok In Dance Hall

Vienna, Mar. 30.

Three people, including a 20-year-old girl, were shot dead and 19 injured when a man in Russian uniform fired a sub-machine gun at dancing couples and the band at an Easter dance at Josefsberg, near Wiener Neustadt, about 48 kilometres south of Vienna.

The band leader was among those killed, according to an Austrian press agency report.

During the dance, a Russian soldier quarrelled violently with

some Austrians, the British sector newspaper Weltpress, said tonight. This account said the Russian returned later and, with two comrades, burst into the hall and fired 40 shots.

Austrian press agency reports said the shots were fired by a man wearing a Russian uniform who had earlier quarrelled with some dancers. He returned after having blackened his face and brought a companion with him who also wore uniform.

The uniformed men fled after the attack, the agency added.

A reward for the arrest of the criminals has been offered by the Russian Commandant. It said it was understood that M. Oscar Helmer, the Austrian Minister of the Interior, would protest to Colonel General Vladimir Kutany, the commander of the Russian forces in Austria, against the incident.—Reuter.

## MONEY FOR ATOM RESEARCH

Washington, Mar. 30.

New funds for atomic weapons work in Alaska were among the grants approved today by the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee.

The Committee urged the Atomic Energy Commission, whose request for \$100 million was approved, to move with all possible speed in its research programmes, both in wartime and peacetime uses of the atomic discovered secrets.—Reuter.

## CHINA AID APPROVED

Washington, Mar. 30.

After five hours of debate, the Senate tonight passed by a voice vote the bill providing \$463 million aid to China.

Senator Vandenberg assailed Russia for failure to abide by the terms of her 1945 treaty with China.

He said Russia had not provided assistance to China called for in the treaty, but, instead, had removed industrial equipment from Manchuria to the extent of \$2,000 million.—Reuter.

## DENMARK'S DEFENCES

Copenhagen, Mar. 30.

The Danish Government is working at full pressure on a new defence plan, the Danish Defence Minister, M. Rasmus Hansen, said today.

In a statement to the independent afternoon newspaper "Information," he said the Aid Defence Commission, which is studying various questions, including defence against the atom bomb, had been asked to speed up its work.

M. Axel Larsen, the Danish Communist leader, told the newspaper he was shocked by the activities throughout the Easter weekend.—Reuter.

## German Fascist's Confession

London, Mar. 30.

Former German Army Colonel Gerhard Pinkert, arrested in the Soviet occupation Zone, has confessed that he was a member of an illegal Fascist organization existing in the Western occupation Zone in Germany, consisting of officers of the former German Army who were being used by the American intelligence service for espionage in the Soviet Zone. "Pravda," the Moscow newspaper, today reported in a despatch from Berlin.

Pinkert was said to have been regimental commander of the Special Destination Division "Brandenburg."

Pinkert testified, according to "Pravda," that the illegal Fascist organisation was subsidised by the American intelligence service and by big German industrialists from whom it monthly received large sums.

He supplied the American intelligence service, said "Pravda," with espionage information of a military, economic and political nature.

"Pravda" said Pinkert had stated that he himself was enlisted in this organisation in the summer of 1946 by the former Chief of Staff of the Brandenburg Division, Hans Erasmus.

The centre of the illegal organisation, composed of former officers of the German General Staff, according to Pinkert's testimony, was first located in Frankfurt-on-Main, and in the summer of 1947 was transferred to Munich.

The organisation was said to be headed by the former Chief of Staff of the Land Forces of the German Army, Colonel General Halder.—Reuter.

## Round-Up Of Communists

Calcutta, Mar. 30.

One hundred and ninety-five people had so far been placed under detention in West Bengal following the Provisional Government's ban on the Communist Party of India on March 20, the West Bengal Home Minister, Mr. Kiron Shankar Roy, said today.

Addressing the Legislative Assembly, he said that investigation into the activities of the Communist Party were still proceeding, and it would not be in the public interest to disclose all facts at this stage.

The Minister reiterated that the objective of the Communists had been to create a state of chaos throughout the country in order ultimately to seize power by violent means.—Reuter.

## Vatican Move In Palestine

Vatican City, Mar. 30.

Moves have been made by the Holy See for an agreement of all parties in Palestine to safeguard the rights of both Arabs and Jews, it was authoritatively learned here today.

The possibility was not excluded by observers that the forthcoming visit of Mr. Myron Taylor, President Truman's personal representative to the Vatican, be connected with the Palestine question.

Palestine Jews and Arabs have agreed to give the International Red Cross a written declaration that they will respect the Articles of the Geneva Red Cross Convention, it was stated in Jerusalem today by the Palestine delegate of the International Red Cross, M. Jacques de Reynier.

The Red Cross has been in contact with the Arab Higher Committee, the Arab League and the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and heads of the Jewish Agency, seeking to get both sides to agree to follow the Convention, and had already received verbal agreement, he said.—Reuter.

## Hussein's Denial

Jerusalem, Mar. 30.

Hussein Khalil, Arab Higher Executive, today denied American press reports that he has "rejected" the Archbishop of York's proposal for a Jerusalem truce.

"The Arabs have been custodians of the Jerusalem Holy Places for thirteen centuries," he said.

Armed aggression was "threatened" only from the Jews and he therefore considered the press reports harmful and "unwarranted."

"The withdrawal of Hagah and Irgun (Zvai Leumi) from the old city, where all the Holy Places are located," he said, "would solve the entire problem."

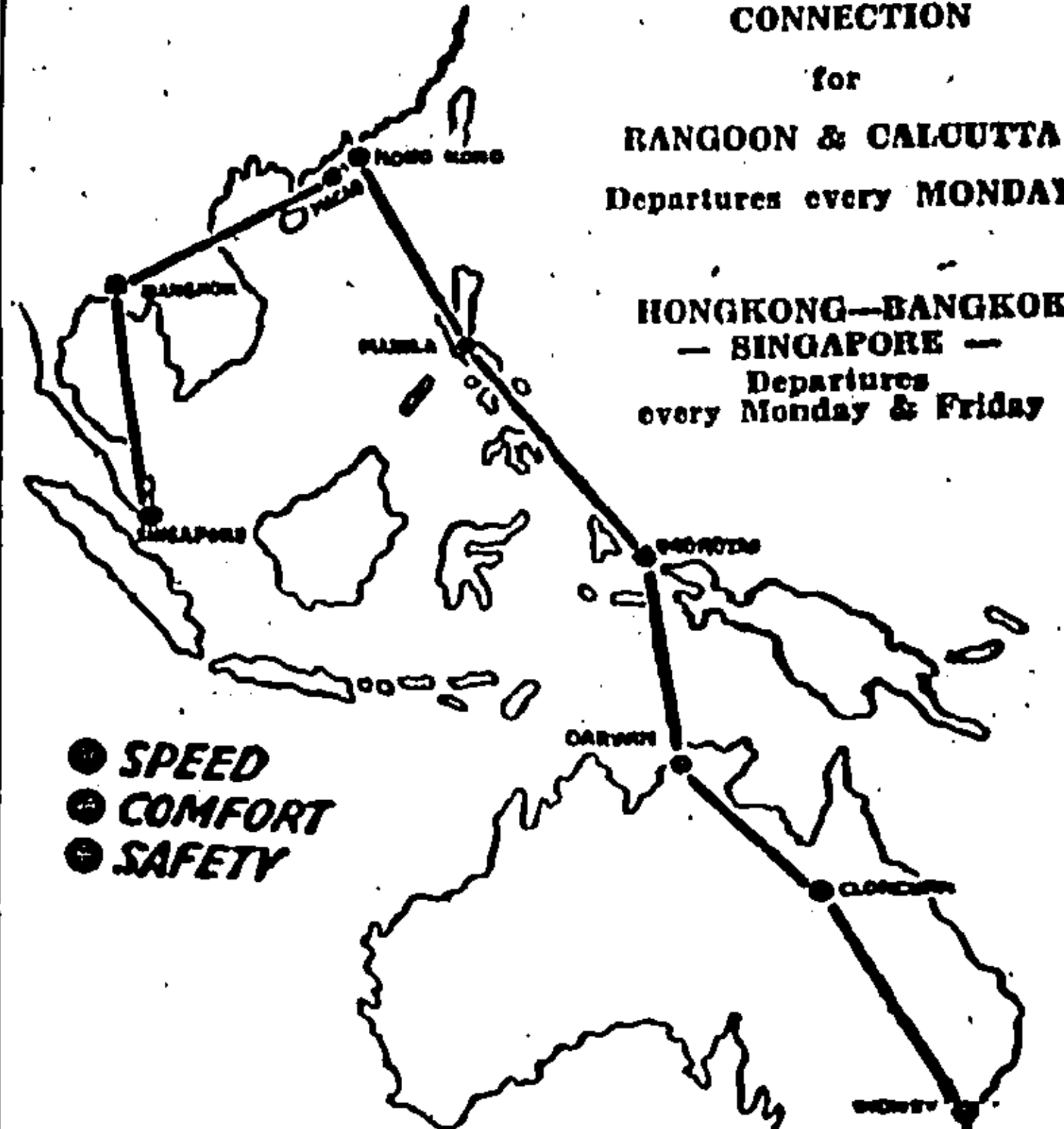
An Arab proposal for such a withdrawal has been rejected by the Jewish Agency.—Associated Press.

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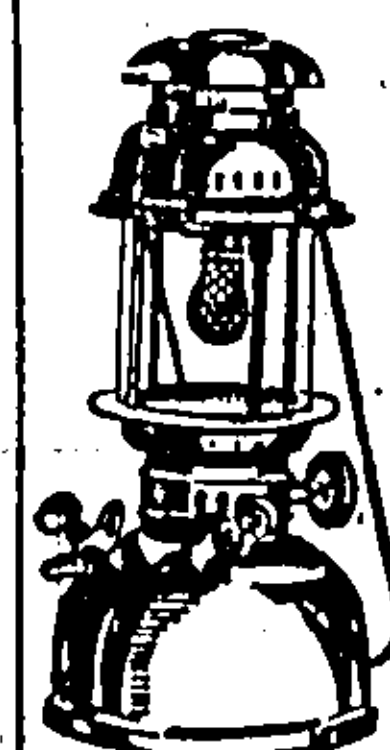
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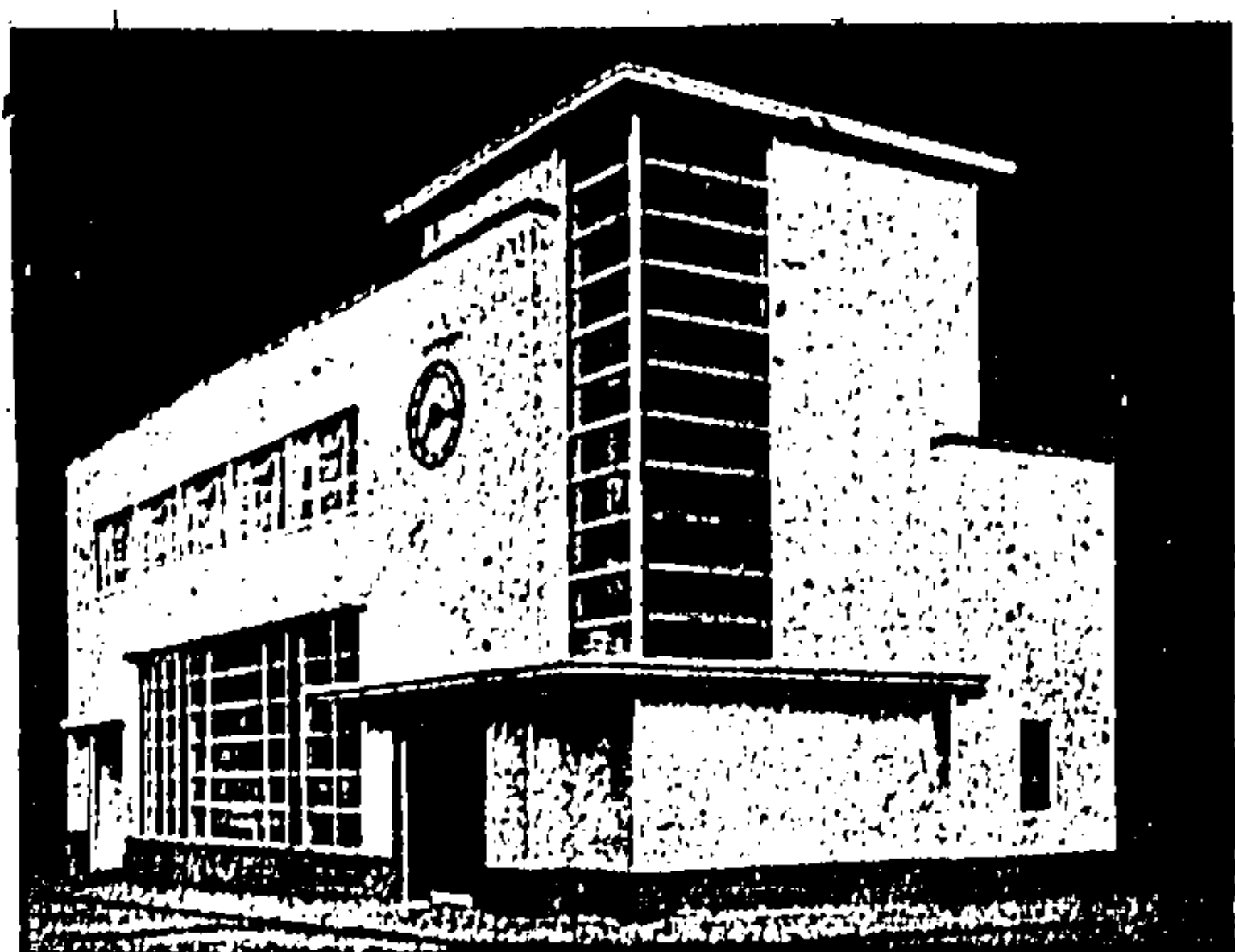
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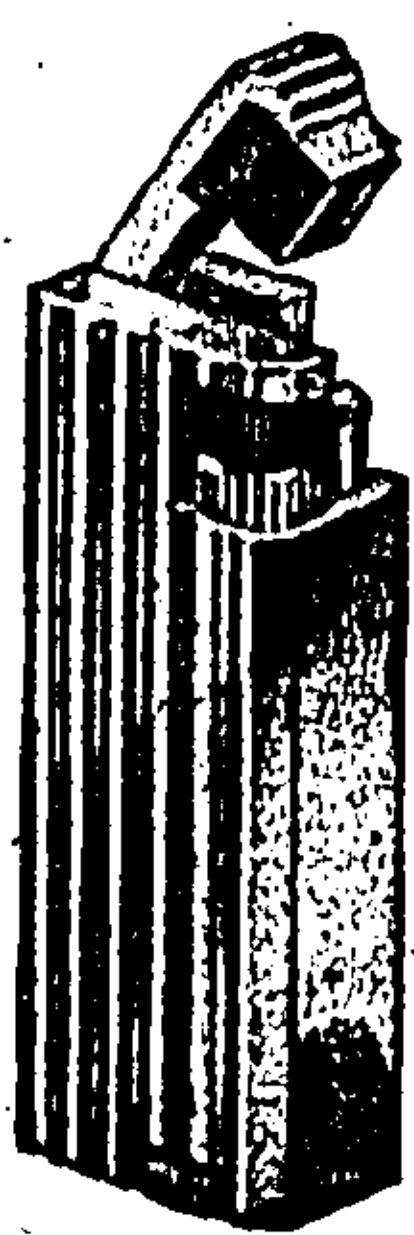
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## ENGINEERING PAGE

### MODERN DEVELOPMENTS IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

In dealing with this subject of Modern Developments in Electrical Engineering, I have aimed at giving the general trends in as simple a manner as possible for the benefit of non-electrical Engineers who may be at this meeting this evening as well as dealing with one or two of the trends in rather more detail.

My own particular interest lies more with heavy current electrical engineering and these remarks will, therefore, be rather weighted towards developments in this branch. The subject is grouped under the following headlines:—

1. Generation of Electric Power.
2. Transmission and distribution of Electric Power.
3. Utilisation and Measurements.

Under the first of these headlines, the Generation of Electric Power, I will deal first of all with the modifications and improvements which have been made in orthodox generating equipment.

#### Turbo Generator

The Turbo Generator, is still, without question, the main source of power generating equipment. During the course of the last twenty-five years, the design of the Alternator has become substantially established, although the size of the unit has increased from the maximum figure of 25,000 KW of some 30 years ago up to units of 150,000 KW capacity. The aggregation of large areas of supply into single inter-connected networks have made it economically feasible to employ these simple units of large output capacity since they can be run continuously as base load machines with substantial improvement in overall Station efficiency. The overall thermal efficiency for Generating Stations has increased during the last thirty years until to-day with large base load stations overall efficiencies of 28% are being consistently maintained.

With accumulated design experience it has been possible to manufacture these larger units for speeds at 3,000 r.p.m. and in many cases they are designed to generate directly at high voltages such as 33,000 volts. In earlier machines it was the more usual practice to generate at standard voltages such as 6.6 or 11 KV and to transform these generator voltages to the required transmission voltages. Generation directly at the higher voltages dispenses with the first cost of the transformer, together with its control apparatus and experience in operation has shown that machine reliability when generating at this higher

voltages is no less than for the lower voltages.

To relieve the marked increase in the overall Station efficiency, designers have been forced to consider every possible gain in efficiency for each component of the plant. For example in the case of the Turbo Generator, as one increases the unit size, the loss occasioned by turning the rotor of the machine against the friction of the surrounding air, usually referred to as windage loss, attains quite

are called, rough estimates have been made and it is claimed that a 75,000 KW Station driven by atomic power could probably generate at a cost of 4 cents Hongkong per K.W.H. as compared with 3.25 cents for an equivalent steam Station. That this comparison is even possible within seven years of the discovery of nuclear re-action is indeed remarkable. However, there are a number of substantial difficulties to be overcome and other chastening as-

ments which drive jets of oil at high velocity across the arc path. These are known as impulse type breakers. A further development of this principle is to be found in the latest type of high tension circuit breakers. In this type of circuit breaker no oil is used and interruption of the arc is achieved entirely by very high speed separation of the contacts coupled with a blast of high pressure air between the contacts. The illustration on the screen shows one of these air blast breakers and next illustrations give details of the operation of the contact mechanism within the breaker. These circuit breakers are designed for use on voltages above 33,000. Below that voltage it is still considered better practice to use oil immersed circuit breakers.

#### High Voltage

In those countries where the length of transmission lines makes it economically justifiable, transmission voltages have been substantially increased so that operation at 220,000 volts is now considered quite normal. For the purpose of design development a grounded-neutral power transformer with continuous rating of 100,000 KVA has been built with a 220,000 volt winding. This transformer successfully passed standard impulse tests corresponding to a basic insulation level of one and a half million volts.

The increasing size of power networks has resulted in the production of transformers rated as high as 75,000 KVA per unit. A development connected with transformer operation is a tendency towards the use of on-load tap changing equipment on the high tension side of transformers operating on voltages as high as 132,000 volts.

#### Section 3. — utilisation and measurements.

In the utilisation of electric power I think it is safe to say that the electric motor features more prominently than any other piece of apparatus. The design of this equipment has been substantially stabilised for many years, but even here the introduction of new materials has enabled designers to achieve startling modifications. In particular, synthetic resins, enamels have been produced which can be applied accurately to wires and which, when properly cured, give an insulating film of remarkable mechanical strength. These enamelled wires which can be produced in both rectangular as well as round cross section substantially improve the space factor within the slots of electric machines. By using such wire, designers have found it possible considerably to increase the output per pound of motor weight. Unfortunately the large numbers of existing motors already installed make it difficult on the grounds of mechanical interchangeability to make full use of these increased ratings in smaller frame sizes.

#### Modern Lamps

As will have been evident to most of you the normal wire filament lamp is now being challenged very seriously by various forms of gaseous discharge and fluorescent lamps. These modern lamps produce, in most cases, two to three times as much light as the old lamps for the same electrical energy input. They also have much longer life and as a result of the intensive research of the past ten years have now been designed to emit a light of much less harsh quality and in fact in the case of modern fluorescent type, the light produced is very near indeed to natural daylight.

Another development of the lamp designer is the infra-red lamp which is now being used to an ever increasing extent for industrial heating and drying processes. In many instances production heating processes have been reduced from hours to minutes by the substitution of these infra-red ovens in place of more orthodox drying methods.

Unfortunately in the time at my disposal it is not possible to deal with the many fascinating developments in electrical measuring instruments and I will mention only one, namely the Electron Microscope. This instrument which is illustrated on the screen is now well established as a robust and reliable instrument in industrial research laboratories.

Its fundamental advantage lies in the very much higher limit of resolution obtainable from using an electron beam instead of a beam of light. In other words, the ability to separate, in the final image, points very close together in the object. The present day electron microscope is capable of a resolution limit some 100 times better than that of the optical instrument, and magnifications of 10,000 to 15,000 times can be obtained directly. The electron beam is generated by an electron gun similar to that used in a Cathode ray tube. The lenses take the form of magnetic and electric fields and consist usually of a condenser lens concentrating the beam onto the object, an objective lens, and a projection lens providing final magnification. The electron image is made visible to the eye by being projected onto a fluorescent screen. Alternatively, the image can be photographed for permanent record.

From a Paper Read By Mr.

**W. A. ANKERSON**Before The Engineering Society  
Of Hong Kong Last Week.

#### Totally Enclosed

The machine is, of course, totally enclosed and the hydrogen circulating circuit is sealed off from the external air by specially designed glands. The major physical characteristics of cooling mediums are shown in the table on the screen. In this table you will see that the various properties are rated at unity for air. You will observe that properties for hydrogen compare very favourably with those of air in that one can expect 50% greater heat transfer from the windings to the cooling medium by using hydrogen. In addition to this the saving in windage loss on a large 3,000 r.p.m. machine may increase the overall efficiency of the plant by as much as 75 to 1%.

When one is thinking in terms of generating units of 60,000 KVA or 100,000 KVA capacity, such a saving of course represents considerable economic advantage. Present practice indicates that the economics of hydrogen cooling of alternators places the dividing line at about 30,000 KVA units. However, this line is quite flexible and hydrogen cooling has been used on units as small as 10,000 KVA and air cooling has been used on machines as large as 50,000 KVA.

It does appear, however, that hydrogen cooling is coming to stay and the control mechanism and precautions necessary to avoid explosive mixtures within the generator cooling system have proven themselves in practice.

#### Heat Energy

Heat energy available from coal is usually measured in British thermal units per pound. In nuclear re-action the heat is measured in electron volts per atom. One pound of coal gives off energy at the rate of four electron units per atom as it burns. During nuclear re-action uranium gives off 200 million electron volts per atom. Reduction of these figures to the more normal yardstick of heat per pound indicates that from the same weight of materials we should be able to obtain three million times as much heat from uranium as from coal. In other words if one envisaged a power plant operating at 50% overall efficiency one pound of uranium 235 which could be represented by a one inch cube would produce 10,000 KW for thirteen days.

It is the exciting project opened up by such figures that is making for such intensive research into the use of such form of energy for power generation.

#### Atomic Power

The only method at the moment by which this energy can be utilised is in the generation of heat and the conversion of this heat energy through the medium of the boiler and steam turbo generator or the so-called gas turbine. The extraction of nuclear power directly from the nuclear re-action does not appear to be within the realm of possibility. Apparatus for the generation of heat has already been built in several parts of America and England and from the result obtained from these experimental piles, as they

large proportions. In order to reduce this windage loss to some extent and also to improve the cooling of the machine it is now a quite common practice to use hydrogen gas as a cooling medium.

pects as for example (1) the available world supply of uranium is limited. It has been roughly estimated that the nuclear energy available in known deposits of uranium would supply the total power needs of the world for about 100 years. We are, therefore, not dealing with an unlimited source of power. In the light of present figures it seems most unlikely that the uranium pile could ever compete successfully in the production of electric energy with hydro-electric stations. The two cases are somewhat similar in that they both involve a large capital expenditure and comparatively small operating costs. However, the operation of uranium piles, up-to-date, has been primarily for the production of plutonium and the strategic importance of this product is such that it is not safe to forecast the probable developments of the use of the heat liberated during this process for power generation in terms only of economics.

#### Transmission

Turning now to the transmission and distribution of Electric Power. The increasing size of Power Stations coupled with the tendency towards the formation of large power networks have presented the Electric Design Engineers with severe problems in controlling the power and of interrupting the flow of electric power under fault conditions. This has led during the past quarter of a century to intensive work on the design of switching apparatus and in particular the rupturing capacity of such switchgear. Most large manufacturers have found it necessary to lay down expensive testing plant with which they are able to subject switchgear to fault conditions and if necessary test it to destruction.

The old conception of a switch consisting of metallic contact which could be separated beneath oil has been modified in many ways. All such modifications are aimed at extinguishing the arc formed between the contacts as rapidly as possible. To this end circuit breakers have been designed with special forced oil arrangements.

### Plastics For Furnishing

The most interesting development from the technical point of view in plastics for furnishing will be the first showing, at the British Industries Fair of woven plastic yarns always expected. This woven material called Tygon, is made from an extruded plastic monofilament. The finished cloth will be a keen competitor for all forms of public transport upholstery and heavier curtaining. It need not be cleaned or laundered, for any dirt can simply be sponged off. Though the composition of this new plastic yarn is not yet divulged, it is assumed to be basically of the vinyl family.

Another interesting development in the vinyl group of plastics which will be shown at the Fair will be the unplasticised vinyl sheet. The advantages of unplasticised vinyl over the plasticised material have long been studied in Britain and on the Continent, for unplasticised vinyl runs no danger of the plasticiser becoming unevenly dispersed throughout the material with consequent deterioration with age. Applications in the early stages may be minor consumer articles like lampshades, drawing instruments and slide rules. Thin sheets may be used as the top surface of phenolic laminates; it may even find an outlet in the luggage trade for although it is a rigid material, being a thermoplastic it can be formed to shape. This suggests that it will compete with post-formed thermosetting laminates for trunks and suitcases.

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"Satisfies Neither Arabs Nor Jews"

United States Accused  
Of Putting Oil First

Lake Success, Mar. 30.

Russia tonight opposed the United States proposal for a temporary Palestine trusteeship, instead of immediate partition, on the ground that it not only failed to meet the interests of international peace but also satisfied neither the Arabs nor the Jews.

After hearing M. Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet delegate, declare that the United States had killed partition because it put oil and strategic interests before the interests of the United Nations, the Security Council adjourned the Palestine debate until Thursday.

Earlier, Mr. Warren Austin (United States) had introduced before the Council the American resolution calling for an immediate truce in Palestine. He also introduced a second American resolution calling for a special session of the United Nations General Assembly to "consider further the question of the future government of Palestine."

The U.S. resolution said: "The Security Council, in the exercise of its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, notes with grave concern the increasing violence and disorder in Palestine and believes that it is of the utmost urgency that an immediate truce be effected in Palestine."

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He said that the proposal for trusteeship not only failed to meet the interests of international peace, but also does not meet the interests of either the Arabs or the Jews. He asserted that trusteeship would not eliminate the difficulties which have arisen in implementing partition, and accused the United States Government of killing the partition scheme because it put oil and strategic interests before the interests of the United Nations.

The Soviet Government considers as it did before that the decision adopted by the General Assembly on the partition of Palestine into independent Jewish and Arab states is a just solution," M. Gromyko said.

"It is just because it corresponds to the fundamental national interests both of the Jews and the Arabs."

An overwhelming majority of states at the General Assembly adopted the partition plan and voted for it. "The United States also voted for this plan, and used all their influence in order to attain the adoption of this plan."

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PILOTS  
DESERT

Munich, Mar. 30.

Eleven Czechoslovakian Air Force pilots landed with their planes on the airfield near Munich during the week-end and have now left for an unknown destination, it was learned here tonight.—Reuter.

Rumpus  
In Stock  
Exchange

New York, Mar. 30.

Men were knocked down, women screamed, and some policemen were thrown down on the pavement when strikers picketing the New York Stock and Curb Exchanges rushed the police at the entrance to the Stock Exchange today.

The police used their batons and clubs to clear the picketers from the entrance. The police also used their batons and clubs to clear the picketers from the entrance. The police also used their batons and clubs to clear the picketers from the entrance.

The number of pickets directly in front of the Stock Exchange entrance was small and the disturbance started when men rushed the police to increase the number of pickets behind the police line.

The disturbance was over in six minutes. Many people had their clothing torn and one police detective received head injuries.—Reuter.

After M. Gromyko's speech, the Council adjourned the Palestine debate until 7.30 p.m. GMT Thursday.—Reuter.

UNEMPLOYED MARCH IN  
STREETS OF MILAN

Rome, Mar. 30.

Bands of workers roamed Milan's streets tonight after a giant demonstration in the heart of the city.

Some 7,000 unemployed marched on the industrial and commercial regions brandishing staves and demanding relief payments and work.

They disbanded after getting promises of relief money.

Police patrolled the streets of Canosad Puggia near Bari in South Italy, after a political riot in which seven persons were injured, two seriously. The Agency Andra said fighting began when Communists attacked a parade of University students.

The Yugoslav Minister to Italy, Mladen Ivekovic, startled a surprise news conference at his Legation by denying that Yugoslavia had promised Italy's Communists the quick return of Trieste if the Left wins the Italian election April 18.

The Communist leader, Palmiro Togliatti, said last Saturday in a political speech, that Marshal Tito and he will settle the Trieste issue in 48 hours to the "national interests of Italy."

Answering a question, Mr. Ivekovic said that Togliatti had received no statement from Yugoslavia.

The Government's official Gazette published on Tuesday night a legislative decree banning the wearing of uniforms by political or partisan organizations during the campaign.

Two strikes ended. The Bank of Italy was shut for a half hour this morning in what newspapers called the "shortest blitz strike ever to hit the country."

Employees of the Government's National Insurance Institute ended a strike of several days restoring workers pension payments. Both strikes were for wage and other contract agreements.—Associated Press.

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